



Town Crier

Life's Just Better Here

Your Guide To What's Happening In The Island City

Spring 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, March 12 & 26

Tuesday, April 9 & 23

Tuesday, May 14 & 28

Daylight Saving Time Begins

Sunday, March 10, 2024

CLOCKS FORWARD ONE HOUR**spring
FORWARD!****City offices closed:**

Memorial Day

Monday, May 27

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-Mar	Tues 5-Mar	Mon 11-Mar	Wed 17-Apr	Mon 15-Apr	Wed 13-Mar	Mon 6-May
Wed 3-Apr	Meets Quarterly	Mon 8-Apr	Meets Every	Meets Quarterly	Wed 10-July	Mon 15-July
Wed 1-May		Mon 13-May	2 Months		Wed 10-Sept	Wed 17-July

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

SCHEDULE FOR BULK TRASH AND RECYCLING

NORTH/WEST regular garbage pickup days are **Monday & Thursday**, and your bulk trash days are: **Mondays, March 18, April 15, and May 20**

SOUTH/EAST regular garbage pickup days are **Tuesday & Friday**, your bulk trash days are: **Tuesday, March 19, April 16, and May 21**

ALL recycling will be collected on your regular pickup day Monday or Tuesday of each week.

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

There are no holiday cancellation days in 2024.

Call 954-947-4445 10 days in advance to schedule household hazardous waste pickup.



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—Spring 2024



Many of you know that I grew up in Wilton Manors, and have such wonderful memories of my childhood here. All these years later, life is very different for kids, but our city is still a great place for kids to grow up. If you are new to Wilton Manors, you might not know that we have our own little library, also known as the Richard C. Sullivan Public Library. It's a gem of a place, with children's programs like Read to a Dog, Story Time, and Lego Hour. There's also a summer reading challenge with prizes for the kids. The Library also offers great adult programming, partnering with the Wilton Manors Friends of the Library, to produce a quarterly lecture series. Last quarter the subject was "How To Live To Be 100 Years Old!"

Speaking of books, I recently learned that the Early Learning Coalition offers free books for children up to 5 years old, available in English and Spanish. For more information, check out browardbookworms.org.

This year's Springfest event will be on Saturday, March 23rd at Hagen Park 10:00am-12:00pm. The Easter Bunny usually makes an appearance, and there will be a petting zoo, inflatables, arts and crafts, face painting, and other fun. I hope to see you there.

We are currently in the design phase of a new playground at Hagen Park for kids ages 5-12, and the "tot lot" playground at Island City Park Preserve will be getting all new equipment later this year.

The City also offers affordable after-school care, as well as summer camps. The programs fill up fast, so if you are looking for something for your child to do this summer, go to <https://www.wiltonmanors.gov/369/Youth-Programs-Services>.

One of my main goals as your mayor is to ensure quality of life for future generations. That means maintaining and improving our infrastructure, and preparing for sea level rise, warmer temperatures, and more severe weather events. It also means making it easier to walk and bike in the Island City. If you haven't checked it out lately, go to <https://www.wiltonmanors.gov/862/Completed-Capital-Projects-Updates> to check out recently completed projects and those that are currently in process. While there is still much to be done, we are really making good progress.

It is an honor to be your mayor, and I am working hard every day to ensure *life's just better here*. I want to hear from you—what are your thoughts about what Wilton Manors should be in 2030? Please reach out any time at 954-390-2123 or snewton@wiltonmanors.com.

Commissioner Chris Caputo—Wilton Manors: Where Life Just Keeps Getting Better!



Hello, wonderful residents of Wilton Manors! As your city commissioner, I'm thrilled to share some exciting updates on our journey to enhance the quality and livability of our vibrant city. Remember, our city motto, "Life's just better here," isn't just a catchy phrase; it's a commitment we reaffirmed in 2021 when we adopted our Strategic Plan to ensure our community remains a fabulous place to live, work, and play.

So, let's dive into the progress of a few of our strategic plan's cornerstones, shall we?

 **Develop a Public Arts and Culture Policy:** Art lovers, rejoice! We've teamed up with the Broward Cultural Division to craft the city's public art policy. This isn't just about splashing color on walls; it's a game-changer for our city's aesthetic and cultural identity. Financial support will likely

come from new development, not existing tax payers. We recently held successful public outreach meetings which generated helpful feedback that will further steer the policy.

 **Support Recreation and Open Spaces:** If you thought Wilton Manors was just about stunning views and great coffee, think again! Our commitment to recreational programs and open spaces is stronger than ever. From revamping our parks to introducing exciting events, we're on a roll. Have you heard about the new pickleball courts or children's playground coming our way? Maybe you recently attended Pride on the Drive or Rock The Block with David Archuleta? These events, along with Stonewall Pride and Wicked Manors, truly make Wilton Manors unique. Collectively, these projects and events make it more fun to live here!

Your feedback, participation, and enthusiasm are the magic ingredients that keep our city thriving. We're not just ticking boxes here; we're crafting a city that echoes our collective spirit and values. So, let's keep this beautiful momentum going, and remember, in Wilton Manors, life isn't just good; it's getting better every day!

Sign up for the "CodeRed" emergency notification system at <https://www.wiltonmanors.com/555/Get-In-Touch>.

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



My Fellow Islanders,

As we step into spring, with a spring in our steps, I am thrilled to share the latest progress in our ongoing efforts to make Wilton Manors an even more exceptional place to live, work, and thrive. Over the past few months, we have embarked on a significant initiative to revitalize our major corridors, and I'm excited to update you on our progress.

Revitalizing Our Major Corridors:

Wilton Manors is committed to enhancing the aesthetics, functionality, and overall appeal of our major thoroughfares. Through a comprehensive revitalization effort, we have worked with the Broward County Metropolitan Planning Organization ("MPO") on a long-term transformation of our major corridors. With a grant from the MPO, our goal was to create plans to transform our major corridors into vibrant, inviting spaces that reflect the unique character of our city. From improved landscaping and traffic calming measures to beautification, our goal is to create a welcoming environment for residents and visitors alike.

As we work on revitalizing our major corridors, we remain mindful of incorporating eco-friendly practices to ensure a sustainable future for Wilton Manors.

Public Outreach Meetings:

Community engagement is at the heart of our revitalization efforts. We have hosted more than a dozen public outreach meetings to gather valuable input and insights from you, our residents. Your ideas and perspectives have played a crucial role in shaping the direction of the revitalization projects, ensuring that it aligns with the needs and aspirations of the community.

These meetings have been invaluable opportunities for open dialogue, fostering a collaborative spirit between the city and its residents. We are grateful for the active participation and enthusiasm demonstrated by those who attended, as your input is instrumental in creating corridors that truly reflect the character and desires of our community.

Celebrating Diversity and Inclusion:

Wilton Manors is known for its lively and inclusive community events, and we are excited to bring you even more in the coming months. We are particularly thrilled to announce that the Stonewall Pride Festival will be held on June 15, 2024. This iconic event is a celebration of diversity, inclusion, and the rich history of the LGBTQ+ community. We invite all residents to join us in commemorating this significant occasion and reinforcing our commitment to equality and acceptance. We are also proud to announce that The City of Wilton Manors has received a perfect score from the Human Rights Campaign for the Tenth Consecutive Year! This recognition reinforces our commitment to fostering an inclusive and welcoming environment for all residents.

Public Art

Wilton Manors is proud to announce a partnership with Broward County Cultural Division's Public Art and Design Program. This collaboration will bring captivating public art installations to our city, enriching our cultural landscape and creating a vibrant and visually stunning environment for all to enjoy. Additionally, the city will be requiring any new large developments to have public art as part of the projects. Let's continue to beautify our Island City!

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to making Wilton Manors a place where "*Life's Just Better Here.*" 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!



Stay up-to-date on the latest Wilton Manors news by following the City of Wilton Manors on Facebook at www.facebook.com/OfficialWiltonManors, and by signing up for Wilton Manors weekly eNews (emails) by going to <https://www.wiltonmanors.com/555/Get-In-Touch>, and clicking on "Sign Up for Our Weekly E-News".

Commissioner Don D'Arminio—Construction Projects Update



It is an exciting time in Wilton Manors! In January, the City Commission approved two projects that have been a long time coming. After a lengthy process to review and update the City's future land use plans and zoning regulations, I am happy to share that these projects will transform underutilized properties into mixed-use hubs of residential and business activity. Plans for both of these projects can be viewed on the city's website: www.wiltonmanors.gov/836/Development-Applications.

The first project, called Generation, will be built along the railroad tracks at NE 13th Avenue to NE 24th Street. This area was previously an industrial lumber yard and nursery, which years later was repurposed as a shared space for small restaurants and mural art. The plans call for 190 residential units, 2,049 square feet of new retail space, 4,353 square feet of restaurants and cafes, and a public plaza and dog park. The developer, Kaplan Residential, shared their plans to preserve some of the art into the new project. The second project that was approved in January is Wilma on the Drive. This new development will bring 252 residential units, a parking garage, and new restaurant and retail spaces to the center of Wilton Drive. If you are familiar with the Shoppes of Wilton Manors plaza on Wilton Drive and NE 7 Avenue, you know that the property currently consists of two large buildings. The Wilma project will be built on the east side of the property, where the former Sherwin Williams paint store was located. The other building, anchored by the Alibi and Hunters will remain. The businesses in that building are part of the fabric of our Wilton Manors community and contribute to the success of our arts and entertainment district and I am happy to see them stay. Wilma on the Drive will transform the other half of the property into a vibrant city center with art and activated public spaces. It will attract new residents that want to live in our city and that will shop, dine, and support the businesses on the Drive.

As a Commission, it was critical that we ensured these projects make our community and neighborhoods better and not negatively impact existing residents. We accomplish this through carefully crafted zoning regulations and site-specific development orders. With the Generations project, there are plans to install a gate that will limit traffic to a nearby single-family street as well as a sophisticated drainage system. Like Wilma on the Drive, this project will make a substantial contribution of impact fees that will help the city upgrade its utility systems, parks, and public safety assets.

With the Wilma project, I was concerned about the possibility that, after receiving approvals to stack the residential density and build on half the parcel, the developer could later sell off or try to build more residential density on the site where the Alibi and Hunters are. So, as part of the development approvals, the Commission required the owner to provide a "Unity of Title", to make sure that the entire site is now one single parcel. This adds a level of protection to our core businesses on that site. We also discussed potential traffic impacts, tools to support existing businesses during construction, and parking.

Your feedback is always important to me and I always 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.



The 47th Annual Broward County Waterway Cleanup Event will be held on Saturday, March 2, from 9a.m. to 1p.m.

Visit www.waterwaycleanup.org to get more information and to register to volunteer at one of over 30 sites (**including Colohatchee Park at 1975 NE 15th Avenue in Wilton Manors**) to help clean our community and waterways.

The 2023 cleanup was held on Saturday, March 4, when more than 1,100 volunteers of all ages by land and 300 boats/personal watercraft volunteered throughout 35 sites across Broward County to remove 25 tons of trash and debris from our inland waterways. You do not need a boat to participate!

Each site location will have two site coordinators to provide volunteers with gloves, hand sanitizer, and trash bags while supplies last. It is recommended that volunteers bring sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, water bottle (sites will have water dispensers to refill bottles as well as small cups), and trash pickers.

Commissioner Paul Rolli—Sustainability



The City Commission has been working on a vision for the future, for several years, aimed at long-term growth and fiscal sustainability. A plan for improved physical, financial, and general infrastructure was developed. The lengthy community-driven process is coming to fruition as evidenced by the approval of two new mixed-use developments, The Wilma on Wilton Drive and Generations on NE 24th St. We were unable to attract any significant investment before making changes to the code regarding height and density. The multi-faceted and strategic focus on long-term sustainability is crucial for the overall growth and well-being of the city. Together, these developments will pay over \$1.5 million in impact fees for sewer/water, public safety, library, and parks infrastructure. The total cost of these two developments is estimated to be \$140 million, and the resulting property assessment for the City is anticipated to be over \$1 million annually. Anticipated occupancy is 2-3 years away.

Concern was expressed, during this long process, about increased development and the impact on the sewer system. I am actively involved in monitoring this situation. Several steps are being taken to address overcapacity in the sewer infrastructure: 1.) Actively working to reduce Inflow and Infiltration (I and I) by relining the main sewer pipes. This proactive measure is targeted for completion by December 31, 2024. 2.) Building a new sewer force main from Master Lift Station (#11) to the 15th Ave tie-in is a significant step to alleviate pressure on capacity concerns; expected completion by December 31, 2024. 3.) Additional sewer capacity was requested from Ft. Lauderdale through the Large User Group and we are waiting for a response. 4.) Securing a grant to improve the Master Lift Station, No. 11, and equip it with larger pumps, demonstrates a proactive approach to enhance efficiency. 5.) Continuing to implement various actions outlined in the Master Infrastructure Plan indicates a comprehensive and well-thought-out strategy to tackle growing concerns about sewer capacity.

A hotel is planned for the outdated, odd-shaped funeral home site on Dixie Highway and was heard before the Planning and Zoning Board in February. The next step is for this plan to be heard by the City Commission. Once approved, this will achieve one of the city's top economic development goals, to attract a boutique hotel to support Wilton Manors' growing tourism.

The developer for The Ave, a planned mixed-use project on Andrews at Oakland Park has unfortunately decided to sell the property.

On another front, we are working on a supplemental flood insurance program to help residents with reduced flood insurance premiums. This program entails a lot of detailed information and staff is working on it.

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

Interested in running for a seat on the City Commission?

Here is what you need to know...



The City of Wilton Manors Municipal Election will take place on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, to elect a Mayor to a two-year term of office and two Commissioners to each serve a four-year term of office.

The qualifying period to run for office (Mayor or Commissioner) in the Municipal Election begins at NOON, MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2024 and ends NOON, FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 2024.

Candidates must be residents of Wilton Manors for at least six months prior to qualifying for office and must be registered to vote.

Election Forms are available upon request. All forms can be submitted to the Clerk's Office electronically as well. For election forms or any additional information, email the City Clerk at cityclerk@wiltonmanors.com.

All Elected Officials or Candidates to run must fill out a Form 6 as part of the qualification package. If you intend to qualify, you will need to register with the Florida Ethics Commission to receive the login information to complete the form. You can register here: <https://disclosure.floridaethics.gov/Account/Login>.

For more information on Elections in the City and for important dates, visit our Elections webpage: <https://www.wiltonmanors.gov/912/2024-Municipal-Election>.

Emergency Management/Utilities Division 954-390-2190

RECYCLE OFTEN. RECYCLE RIGHT

Single-Stream Recycling was introduced to simplify the recycling process for consumers, however, it is still important to think about what **CAN** and **CANNOT** be recycled. Cross-contamination occurs when soiled and non-recyclable items are mixed with recyclables. Contamination fees can be charged to the City each month, which can cost THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS!

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



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

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



PLASTIC BAGS



SOILED DISHES



PIZZA BOXES

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| • Dishes | • Food-contaminated paper or cardboard | • Light bulbs | • Christmas lights |
| • Paper Plates | • Containers stained with food | • Hoses | • Scrap metal |
| • Styrofoam® | • Packing materials (bubble wrap, packing chips) | • Batteries | • Plastic bags |
| • Coat hangers | • Plate glass/mirrors | • Electronics | • Planters |
| • Extension cords | • Bottles or containers that held hazardous waste | • Toys | • Tires |
| • Glassware | • Pots, pans, metal utensils or scrap metal | • Plastic wrap | • Waxed paper |
| • Ceramics | • Yard waste (grass clippings, branches, leaves) | | |

DO NOT PLACE BAGGED RECYCLABLES IN YOUR PICK-UP BIN

The City's garbage is sent to a Waste-To-Energy plant and is burned to create electricity, so...

Recycle sensibly - When in doubt, **THROW IT OUT!**

Emergency Management/Utilities Division 954-390-2190

Spring Ahead to Prepare for Disasters

Daylight Saving Time starts Sunday, March 10th, 2024 (“spring forward” at 2 a.m.) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency encourages everyone to use the change to daylight savings time as a reminder to implement emergency preparedness measures that will keep you and your family safe. This is a great opportunity to review disaster response plans and restock disaster kits. Disasters come in a variety of forms, so be prepared for even daily emergency situations.



Also, fire department and life safety officials would like to remind everyone as they move their clocks ahead to change smoke alarm batteries throughout their homes.

DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOUR WATER METER IS?



BEFORE



AFTER

Several years ago, the City completed the conversion of all water meters in the city to remote-read meters. While our employees no longer have to visually read meters each month, they do have to maintain the meters and boxes, and also do a visual reading of each meter once a year. We have been encountering instances where it has been difficult to find and access meters because grass and/or plant material have infringed on the meter box. It is important that property owners keep meters easily accessible, especially in the event there is a water emergency and access to the meter is needed. Thank you!

Help Us Find Our Honorees for 2023 Volunteerism

The Community Affairs Advisory Board (CAAB) is seeking nominees for the Skip Stadnik Community Spirit Awards, to recognize outstanding volunteerism in the city during the 2023 calendar year.

The deadline for nominations is March 31, 2024. Nominations will be reviewed in the CAAB meeting on Tuesday, April 3, 2024 and presented in a future Commission Meeting (pending the availability of the honorees).

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, disseminated education, and/or publicizes the benefits of doing business in the city. Additional qualifications are detailed on the nomination form.

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 ARE DUE BY MARCH 31, 2024.** Paper nomination forms are also available at City Hall.



INNOVATIVE PUBLIC ART PLAN AND SURVEY

ONLINE HERE:



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The City of Wilton Manors, in partnership with the Broward County Cultural Division's Public Art & Design Program, invites everyone to take this short survey about the City's new Public Art Plan. The new Public Art Plan, an important part of the City's Strategic Plan, will further enhance the quality of life and livability in the City of Wilton Manors. With your feedback, we'll continue our commitment to having vibrant public art in our parks, on our streets, and in public spaces in the City of Wilton Manors. The survey can be completed online by following the QR Code above, by visiting: <https://form.jotform.com/233515353325047>, or by completing this centerfold copy and submitting it to City Hall (2020 Wilton Drive) no later than April 1, 2024.

1. Where would you like to see public art in Wilton Manors? (Please rank in order of priority, 1—12, with one being the highest priority)

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|---|--|
| ☐ Parks | ☐ Streets and Transit Corridors |
| ☐ Building Plazas | ☐ City Hall |
| ☐ Parking Lots | ☐ The Library |
| ☐ Shopping Centers | ☐ Bridges |
| ☐ Neighborhoods | ☐ Unexpected Places |
| ☐ Playgrounds | ☐ Private Property |

2. What should the role of public art be? (Please check all that apply)

- ☐ Enhance City buildings, streets, and public spaces
- ☐ Contribute to the reputation of Wilton Manors as a cultural destination
- ☐ Create landmarks
- ☐ Assist with wayfinding and the movement through pedestrian and vehicular spaces
- ☐ Commemorate the history and cultural heritage of the City
- ☐ Enhance City parks and neighborhoods
- ☐ Serve as a museum without walls
- ☐ Provoke dialog

3. What type of public art would you like to see in Wilton Manors? (Please rank in order of priority with one being the highest priority)

☐ Artwork by national artists	☐ Traditional sculpture
☐ Artwork by local artists	☐ Functionally integrated art (terrazzo floors, play structures, bike racks)
☐ Murals	☐ Utility box wraps
☐ Memorable/iconic landmark art	☐ Video art projections
☐ Light based artwork	☐ Unique to Wilton Manors, not seen elsewhere
☐ Temporary art displays	☐ Abstract art
☐ Environmental art	☐ Art that addresses social issues
☐ Colorful art	☐ Nature & environmental themed art
☐ Contemporary art or sculpture	☐ Sophisticated and intellectual

4. What about Wilton Manors makes you proud? (Please rank in order of priority with one being the highest priority)

☐ The Drive	☐ Canals and wildlife
☐ Reputation as a gayborhood	☐ Stonewall Pride Festival & Parade
☐ Small town atmosphere	☐ Museums
☐ History of City	☐ Being known as the "Island City"
☐ Parks	☐ Accessibility
☐ Restaurants and nightlife	

5. What do you like most about Wilton Manors? (Please check all that apply)

- ☐ Location
- ☐ Small Town Feel
- ☐ City parks
- ☐ Entertainment options
- ☐ LGBT tourist destination
- ☐ History of city
- ☐ My neighborhood

6. Should public art be required in: (Please check all that apply)

- ☐ Commercial development
- ☐ High density residential development
- ☐ Mixed use projects

7. How should public art be paid for? (Please check all that apply)

- ☐ Through City's annual budget
- ☐ Through private development contributions
- ☐ Through a combination of city and development funding
- ☐ Other _____

(Please circle your answer)

YES

NO

9. What is your zip code? _____

10. Please use this space to provide any additional comments or feedback:

[illegible]

11. Your email address (optional): _____

Please submit your completed survey to Wilton Manors City Hall at 2020 Wilton Drive; or better yet, complete the survey online at: <https://form.jotform.com/233515353325047> by April 1, 2024.

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 (390-2100)

"Who You Gonna Call?"

Volunteer Opportunities
390-2123

Limbs in Utility Lines
FPL 797-5008

Mosquito Control
765-4062

Broken traffic signal
390-2190 or 847-2600
764-4357 (after hrs.)

Street signs
390-2190

Signs on poles (illegal)
390-2151

Garage Sale

All Phone Numbers shown are (954) Area Code

Tree Removal 519-1282
(Alex Schurz, Broward County)

Parking/Meter Issues
566-3704

Alarm registration
390-2151

Garage Sale Permits
390-2151

Uneven Sidewalk
390-2190

Trash can constantly in front of the house

Missed garbage/recycling pickup
390-2190

Road kill / Dead animal
390-2190

Street light or sign
390-2190

Dog barking (illegal)
764-4357 (HELP)
Dog running loose
390-2151

Abandoned vehicle
390-2151

Watering violations
In progress: 764-4357 (HELP)
After the fact: 390-2151

Fire hydrant leaking
390-2190

Potholes / Sinkholes
390-2190

Traffic sign down
390-2190

Police / Fire / EMS: 9-1-1 or Police Dispatch: 764-4357 (HELP) or Info Only: 390-2150*
*Mon-Fri: 7am-6pm

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](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=>)

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 November/December 2023 & January 2024:

Address

November: 2378 Wilton Dr

December: 1881 NE 26th St 212

January: 2419 N Dixie Hwy

1881 NE 26 Street 212

2319 N Andrews Ave

1201 NE 26 St #106

1442 NE 26 St

2161 Wilton Dr

500 NW 28 Ct

1000 W Oakland Park Blvd B2

44 E Oakland Park Blvd

24 E Oakland Park Blvd

Business Name

AJVR Photography LLC

Seth Charles Fishman PA

Golden Aura Yoga LLC

Westline Estates Inc

SMAART LLC

New Journey Chiropractor/Wellness

Medix Urgent Care Center LLC

Island City Smoke Shop

MJH Tree Service Inc

Dollface Upscale Beauty Bar LLC

Adelaida LLC

Honestskinspa LLC

UNDER CONSTRUCTION!

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:

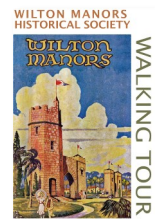
www.wiltonmanors.gov/836/Development-Applications.

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

Wilton Manors Historical Society

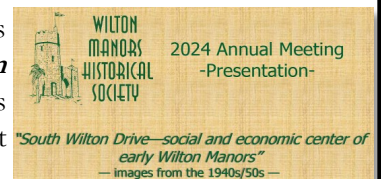
Unable to attend our recent Annual Meeting? You can now download Ron Ulm's presentation, ***"South Wilton Drive—social and economic center of early Wilton Manors"*** from our web site. It includes never-before-published images from the 1940s and 50s. This PDF version also includes Presenter Notes—with additional details about the various slides. To download the slideshow click on the adjacent cover slide or visit:

<http://tinyurl.com/1940s-50sSWiltonDr>.



We are also pleased to announce the development of our ***History is All Around Us!—Wilton Manors Walking Tour*** which will feature visits to over 15 places of historical interest straddling Wilton Drive.

We will offer Guided Tours beginning in April 2024. Please email us at wmhs@wmhistory.org to indicate your interest and we will send you details when they become available.



And if you enjoy our *Town Crier* articles and our ever-growing on-line archive, please consider supporting our on-going mission of "collecting and sharing the history of The Island City." You may do this by either becoming a member, renewing your membership, or by making a donation. For more information go to <https://wmhistory.org/join-donate> or scan the QR code.



We are also pleased to announce our Board of Directors for 2024-2025 — Mary Ulm-President, Mark Freeman-Vice President, Paul Kuta-Treasurer, Carmen Lopez-Secretary, Adrienne Foland-Director, Carol Currier-Director and Rita Silverman-Director. Ron Ulm continues as Research, Technology, and Business Advisor.

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



WILTON MANORS POLICE DEPARTMENT



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

From Chief Gary Blocker:

VISION 2024: INDIVIDUALLY DRIVEN FOR PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL SUCCESS TO NURTURE A WELL-SERVED COMMUNITY



Stagnancy and complacency have no place in our organization. As your public safety service provider, we shall continue to make forward strides to accomplish tasks and initiatives, forging a progressive pathway forward to ensure public safety remains our top priority. As a measure to nurture an advanced law enforcement agency, we have launched Vision 2024. This year's vision is comprised of five components that will steer our officers and professional staff to success and that will also breed community success. Health and wellness are the first components our staff will focus on, by using City resources and physical fitness facilities, and implementing crisis intervention stress management protocols during difficult situations. Our focus here will ensure our staff's personal and professional foundation is solid, so we provide the best performances in our duties. Self-development through mandatory training, team trainings, and specialized training will continue so officers develop for today, tomorrow, and their future. Thirdly, we must evaluate outcomes through tangible results, as success and failure are measured through numbers. Officers and professional staff will set themselves up to accomplish their short, mid, and long-term goals using metrics, and when they fail, they will learn where they need to make the proper adjustments.

Teamwork is a must, as it will take all 52 of our staff supporting each other in our individual endeavors. Our fourth component encourages the celebration of success, and we will celebrate individual, agency, and community achievements. Lastly, today's failure will be tomorrow's victory. We will take ownership of our failures, diagnose what went wrong, and fix what has broken. Our Vision for 2024 is for us to be Individually Driven for Personal and Professional Success to Nurture a Well-Served Community. This vision, comprised of the five components, will see our officers and staff focus on themselves to ensure you, our community, are well served, as I believe individual success breeds team success, which breeds organizational success that breeds community success.

We look forward to serving you better in 2024, as our mission will be to serve you each day better than we did the day before.



*Follow the Wilton Manors Police Department
on FACEBOOK!*

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

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 Dr. Wilton Manors, FL 33305, phone: 954-390-2151, or 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>



Wilton Drive Improvement District (WDID) First Quarter Report by WDID Chair, Claudia Castillo

The Wilton Drive Improvement District closed 2023 by celebrating the City Commission's approval to extend the District's time for five more years to continue the mission and its important service to the Wilton Manors Business community.

We started 2024 by celebrating the success of the 4th year of the Deck the Drive contest in December. The contest engages local businesses on the Drive to decorate their establishments for the Holidays creating energy and beautiful spaces for the community to enjoy and complements the WDID holiday committee decorations on the Drive. The winners this year were:

1. Drynk Bar & Lounge
2. The Tickin Ribbit
3. Myth Gastrobar

This year's cash prizes were generously donated by Mark Hunter & Paul Hugo.

The WDID's main mission is to create a safer more economically viable and attractive Wilton Drive. One new initiative to support the mission is the new bike repair station that was recently installed across from Justin Flippen Park at the corner of Wilton Drive and NE 21st Court to support the growing use of bicycles by our community. The bike repair station is self-serve for use free by anyone in the community that needs it. The station provides a tool set for bicycles including screwdrivers, pedal and cone wrenches, a hex key and tire levers...the basic tools for common bicycle repairs someone may encounter.

The sidewalks along Wilton Drive from Dixie Highway to the Rainbow Bridge were pressure cleaned recently to maintain the business and pedestrian areas and enhance the walking experience for the community.

In 2023, the WDID developed a Business Recognition Program to highlight businesses that provide an important contribution to the community. The following businesses were recognized:

Mark Hunter of Hunter's Nightclub
Jason and Khan of Tropics Grille
Mitchell Bloch of Island City Traders
Antonio Dumas of To the Moon Marketplace
Julian Cavazos of the Wilton Collective

The Wilton Drive Improvement District thanks the City of Wilton Manors Commissioners, the businesses that the District represents and the community for their support as we all work together to ensure *'life's just better here'*.

Information on the Wilton Drive Improvement District can be found at wiltondrive.org or on the City's website at:

<https://www.wiltonmanors.com/502/Wilton-Drive-Improvement-District>.

All the best, Claudia Castillo | Chair Wilton Drive Improvement District



The winners this year were (left to right):

1. Drynk Bar & Lounge
2. The Tickin Ribbit
3. Myth Gastrobar

LEISURE SERVICES 954-390-2130

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

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. Register at Hagen Park Community Center. For more information, please call 954-390-2130.

\$25- Afterschool Participant \$25- Resident \$30- Non-Resident

DATES FOR THE 2023/2024 SCHOOL YEAR:

Friday, March 22, 2024

Wednesday, April 10, 2024

ISLAND CITY SPRING CAMP

March 25 – 29, 2024

Location: Island City Park Preserve, 823 NE 28th Street, Wilton Manors

8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Daily

Our Spring Adventure Camp is a structured five-day camp filled with fun planned activities and trips for the holiday vacation. Our spring camp program is supervised by certified child care professionals from our after-school program. Any school-aged child in kindergarten through fifth grade may participate.

	RESIDENT	NON-RESIDENT
1st Child Fee	\$100	\$125
2nd Child Fee	\$85	\$100
Daily Fee	\$25	\$30

Upcoming Programs & Events

ATTENTION BASEBALL FANS

Join us for a baseball game as the Miami Marlins take on the Anaheim Angels in Miami on Wednesday, April 3rd. Tickets are just **\$20 per person** and includes a game ticket and transportation.

Transportation leaves from Hagen Park Community Center (2020 Wilton Drive) at 11 a.m.

Attendance is limited.

Register at the Hagen Park Community Center. For more information call 954-390-2130 or email

LeisureServices@wiltonmanors.com.

COFFEE & CONVERSATIONS

This free class is designed to encourage members of the community to participate in brain stimulating games and offers an opportunity for conversation and to 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**

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 **7p.m. at Hagen Park, 2020 Wilton Dr. 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!

LEISURE SERVICES 954-390-2130

Upcoming Programs & Events

ANNUAL CANOE RACE & CITY ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Join the Island City as we celebrate the 31st Annual Island City Canoe Race on Saturday, May 18th! This relay race takes part on the Middle River beginning at Colohatchee Boat Ramp, with exchange points along the river, and ending at Richardson Historic Park. Following the Canoe Race, the City will be celebrating the Anniversary of the City with a picnic, DJ, a birthday cake, and the presentation of trophies and certificates to the Canoe Race winners. **Registration is \$200 per team.**



For more information please visit <https://www.wiltonmanors.gov/494/Island-City-Canoe-Race> or contact Scott Holloway at 954-390-2104 or sholloway@wiltonmanors.com.

ISLAND CITY YARD SALE

Join us for the FINAL City-Wide Yard Sale of the season at Hagen Park, 2020 Wilton Drive. The City Yard Sale will be open from 8a.m. to 2p.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 Saturday: March 9, 2024 8a.m. – 2p.m.

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



Live Music @ 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 7:30 p.m. sharp, so don't be late!

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

GLOW PICKLEBALL



Are you ready to light up the night with some Glow Pickleball fun? Join us on **Saturday, March 2nd from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. 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!



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.

MORE Upcoming HOLIDAY Programs & Events



THE LIBRARY CORNER

500 NE 26th Street

954-390-2195

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).

Print, Audiovisual and Online Collections:

Not only do our shelves hold over 35,000 items available to check out, but we also have thousands of online journals, newspapers (including online editions of the Miami Herald and Sun-Sentinel), e-books, e-magazines, and more. All are accessible for free anywhere in the world with Internet access through our website with your library card number. Discover a wealth of information at wiltonmanors.gov/library.

**Florida Electronic Library**

Florida Department of State, Division of Library and Information Services

**Program Highlights:**

Island City Book Club: All meetings of our Island City Book club are the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30p.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:

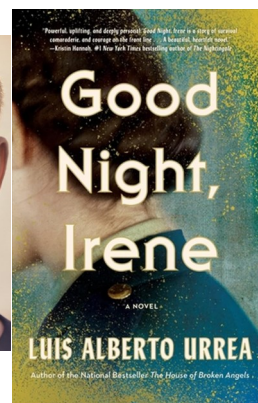
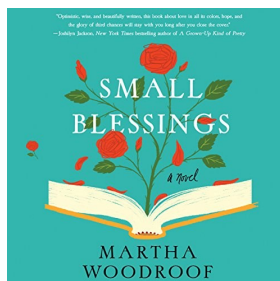
- o *Small Blessings* / Martha Woodroof (March) -

A funny, heart-warming small-town tale.

- o *Spare* / Prince Harry (April) - Prince Harry tells his own story, chronicling his journey with raw, unflinching honesty.

- o *Good Night, Irene* / Luis Alberto Urrea (May) -

A searing epic based on the magnificent and true story of the courageous Red Cross women.

**Children's Programs:**

Plans are underway for our special Summer Reading 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 to 11:30a.m., 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 4p.m. Call library for dates.

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

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>



Friends of the Wilton Manors Library

Our newly revamped, updated, and reorganized website is live! Be sure to check out our events, history, and how you can become a member and/or donate to help enhance the programs and collections offered by the Richard C. Sullivan Public Library of Wilton Manors at:

friendsofthewiltonmanorslibrary.org

Friends of the Library Lecture Series:

The Friends of the Wilton Manors Library will host its next lecture in April. Most lectures begin on a weekday evening at 6:30p.m. with our “happy half hour” of snacks, refreshments, and of course, socializing. Lectures start at 7p.m. Refer to the “Events” tab or click on “Contact Us” on our website for upcoming dates and further information; or contact the Library at 954-390-2195.

AGM of the Board of Directors for the Friends of the Wilton Manors Library

Our annual general meeting of the Board shall occur in May. This meeting is open to the public; all are welcome to attend to learn more about Board governance, election/appointment of officers and more.

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 or soon-to-open seats are available on the Community Affairs Advisory Board (1 seat available now due to a resignation, 3 other seats expire September 1—apply by July 23), the Planning & Zoning Board (4 openings—apply by May 20), the Recreation Advisory Board (3 openings—apply by May 20), the Library Advisory Board (1 opening—apply by August 26), the Pension Board (3 openings—apply by August 26), and the Wilton Drive Improvement District (5 openings—apply by August 26).

Neighborhood Associations



We have added Staghorn ferns to the trees in Lieber Park. Many thanks for a resident’s donation of them to Friends of Wilton Manors Parks. We were able to install Staghorn ferns in trees in both Rachel Richardson Park and Lieber Park. Our partnership with Friends of Wilton Manors Parks will allow us to continue with park improvements.

CANA, WAWM and Three Bridges are partnering on a citywide presentation on infrastructure projects. Please join us Wednesday March 6, 2024, at 6:30p.m. at Hagen Park Community Center for the all-neighborhood association meeting regarding multi-municipality long term challenges and projects. This meeting will be in lieu of our regular quarterly meeting.

Three Bridges will once again sponsor Woof and Wine. Please join us Thursday April 11, 2024, from 5-7p.m. at Colohatchee Park. Bring your pooch, grab a glass of wine, and hang out with your neighbors.

Generations at Wilton Manors (the Yard) has taken a step forward. The City Commission approved the redevelopment of the property at the January 23 Commission meeting.

For those unable to attend the January member meeting, we provided an update to the Transportation Master Plan. A key takeaway is that the original surtax project will proceed **as is** from the original plan. This includes lane width reduction, sidewalk widening and a crosswalk at NE 14th Avenue **only**. Three Bridges will continue to advocate for a complete redesign of the street. Broward MPO has proposed 2 solutions in the Wilton Manors Transportation Master Plan, both of which require traffic studies. We support the Lane Repurposing Option #2 which includes a reduction in lanes to one lane each way with a center turn lane. This allows for wider sidewalks, separate bike lanes, reduced traffic lanes and directional pedestrian crossings, greatly improving safety on 26th St.

If you have any suggestions for future programming that you would like to see, please let us know at info@3bridgesassociation.com.

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



WESTSIDE
ASSOCIATION OF WILTON MANORS

The Westside Association continues to grow, and we thank our Members and Neighbors for their contagious enthusiasm as we shape the organization's plans for 2024.

- Our **2nd Quarter Membership Meeting**, our **Annual Meeting**, is scheduled for **Thursday, April 18 at 7p.m. at Hagen Park Community Center**. This is a Board Election year. Westside residents interested in running for a Board seat must inform us no later than March 19 by sending an email to: wawm.org@gmail.com. We encourage Westside members to please plan to attend this important meeting. We need 25% of Westside member-households in attendance to hold a vote.

- **The Neighborhood Associations of Wilton Manors** are jointly hosting an educational and interactive forum for residents to learn about **multi-municipality long-term challenges and projects**. City and other officials will discuss planning to address aging infrastructure and climate change. We will learn how decisions made by the County and City of Fort Lauderdale impact economic, housing, and infrastructure plans and choices in the City of Wilton Manors. The forum will be hosted by the four neighborhood associations and is open to everyone. The meeting will be held on March 6 at Hagen Park Community Center beginning at 6:30p.m.

- We thank everyone who participated in the **Transportation Master Plan Public Meetings**. Your feedback is essential in driving our desires for the Westside and the City, in general.

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



Message from Central Area Neighborhood Association—CANA

As a city and a neighborhood, we are about to undergo a physical and fiscal transformation. Two large projects, Wilma and Generation, have been approved by the commissioners and a potential hotel would have started the process with a development review in early February.

The genesis of this transformation was the realization years ago for the planning and funding of expensive infrastructure projects that the city will need to undertake due to end of life projections of elements of infrastructure, technical improvements available, and projected inflationary costs.

The city is required to have a balanced budget. We get incoming funds from taxes (26% of county property tax goes to the city), fees, grants, and potentially bonds (which are loans which must be paid back with interest). The city has proactively planned for future projected increases. Part of this has been the years-long process of evaluating code to increase density and height in certain areas to encourage development thereby increasing tax base income.

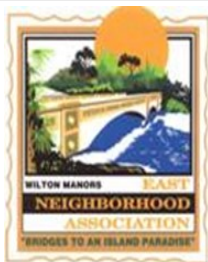
The county determines the allotment of increased density due to infrastructure capacity. According to current county allotment, Wilton Manors has allocated 78.2% of housing development east of N. Andrews and south of Oakland Park Blvd. There are additional allotments on N. Andrews and Oakland. The city has petitioned the county for additional housing units, but at present, our current projects represent the bulk of the redevelopment.

Please join CANA for more updates and follow CANA on Facebook at:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/809346362998126>

Become a member at <https://www.canawm.org/join>

Our next meeting will be on March 6th at 7p.m. at Hagen Park. (More information to follow.)



WILTON MANORS EAST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

The East Neighborhood Association of Wilton Manors (ENA) will be having its annual Neighborhood Wide Yard Sale on Saturday March 16th. You can also sell on Sunday March 17th if you like. The Sale begins at 8:30am. ENA will provide the advertising and signage for your street. You will need a sign in front of your house. If you live east of the railroad tracks and want to participate, please call Michael Pierce at 954-564-3821 by April 13th so your address and types of items for sale can be listed in the ads. The following weekend on March 23rd, ENA will be having its quarterly NE 26th Street Cleanup at 10am. Everyone meets at the Board of Realtors and then walks up and down NE 26th Street picking up trash and litter. It takes about 1 hour; help keep our neighborhood clean. Please join us! On Thursday, April 18, ENA will have its quarterly meeting at

7pm. We will meet at Independence Hall on NE 26th Street. We will be electing new officers and hear important information about our neighborhood from the police, city officials, and city employees. If you have any questions about our neighborhood or ENA, please call me at 954-564-3821.

— John Fiore, President East Neighborhood Association Inc. (jrfiorefla@gmail.com)



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



Art Gallery 21 presents an invitational

COLLAGE EXHIBITION

a collection of art by 12 inspiring artists
Hosted by Janet Gold

meet the artists at an opening reception on
SATURDAY, APRIL 20th | 6 to 8 PM

HAPPY WORLD COLLAGE DAY!
SATURDAY, MAY 11th
collage workshop in the gallery

Art Gallery 21

ISLAND CITY CULTURAL CENTER
600 NE 21 Court, Wilton Manors, FL 33305
Call or Text 954-225-5488

artgallery21.org

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

Art Gallery 21, Inc., is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization working in partnership with Wilton Manors Leisure Services Department to bring art and cultural experiences to the community.