



# Town Crier

Your Guide To What's Happening In The Island City

Summer 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, June 11 & 25

Tuesday, July 9 & 23

Tuesday, August 27

(No meeting Tuesday, August 13)

**City offices closed:**

Independence Day, Thursday, July 4

**National Night Out**—has been rescheduled—from Tuesday, August 6 to Tuesday, October 1, 6-8pm, Hagen Park. For more information visit:

<https://www.wiltonmanors.gov/305/National-Night-Out>



**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](http://www.wiltonmanors.com) for the most up-to-date meeting information.

CAAB 7p.m.	Fire/Reg Pension 4:30/5:30p.m.	P&Z 7p.m.	Rec. Adv. 6p.m.	Library Advisory 6p.m.	WDID 5p.m.	Finance Advisory 6:30p.m.
Wed 5-June	Tues 4-June	Mon 10-June	Wed 19-June	Mon 15-July	Wed 10-July	Budget Review:
No July Meeting	Meets Quarterly	Mon 8-July	Wed 21-Aug	Meets Quarterly	Wed 10-Sept	Mon 15-July
Wed 7-Aug		Mon 12-Aug	Every 2 Months		Final Assessment	Wed 17-July

The City Commission typically meets every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m.

**SCHEDULE FOR BULK TRASH AND RECYCLING**

NORTH/WEST regular garbage pickup days are **Monday & Thursday**, and your bulk trash days are: **Mondays, June 17, July 15, and August 19**

SOUTH/EAST regular garbage pickup days are **Tuesday & Friday**, your bulk trash days are: **Tuesday, June 18, July 16, and August 20**

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

Condominium bulk pickup (quarterly): Saturday, June 22.

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.

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

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](http://www.sfwmd.gov).

## Message from Mayor Scott Newton—Balancing Growth and Sustainability



I am the proud mayor of the City of Wilton Manors, a vibrant hub of activity, culture, and community spirit. Home to 12,000 residents, we pride ourselves on our small-town feel and being a place where everyone is welcome just as they are. With nearly 1,000 new residents moving to Florida each day, the pressing need to increase our resiliency, harden our infrastructure, and respect the rights of private developers is a lot to balance. Quite frankly, all those factors led to our commitment to embrace smart development.

In our 1.97 square mile city, we have nearly a dozen projects in all different stages of the planning process. Two of the more high-profile projects are Generation at Wilton Manors and The Wilton Hotel. Generation at Wilton Manors is a mixed-use project featuring over 6,000 square feet of restaurant, café, and retail space, 190 residential units, and a new dog park. If approved, The Wilton Hotel, a boutique eight story hotel featuring 123 rooms, will be the first hotel in our city. Why would a 1.97 sq mile city like ours be open to having a hotel? Every year, approximately 800,000 visitors travel to Wilton Manors for our 40 events and festivals including the annual Stonewall Pride Parade and Street Festival, one of the largest Pride events in the nation.

However, like other cities in Florida, we are at a crossroads, grappling with the inevitable growth while safeguarding quality of life for our residents. Over developing without considering what the infrastructure can handle is senseless and short sighted. Over the past few years, we've been gearing up for the anticipated development projects that are now making their way through the planning process. We've invested more than \$2.3 million to strengthen our water, wastewater, and stormwater systems. Additionally, our application for \$22.5 million in federal infrastructure funding is in progress for additional projects through 2029.

As our city approached built-out status, we took a proactive approach and increased our height and density restrictions. We enacted stringent regulations and guidelines, outlined in our Unified Land Development Regulations (ULDR), to govern the planning and execution of development projects. These regulations serve as a blueprint for responsible growth, ensuring that all new construction adheres to rigorous standards of preservation, protection, and sustainability.

Our Planning & Zoning Board and Development Review Committee serve as safeguards against irresponsible development by ensuring all plans follow the City's standards outlined in the ULDR, while upholding developers' rights to build on property they've purchased in our city. If all zoning codes and permitting requirements are upheld and the project passes review with our Planning & Zoning Board, most then appear before the City Commission for final review. This checks and balances system is one of the ways we stay committed to smart, strategic growth.

If we are one thing, it's realistic. More and more people will choose to call our city home and the decisions we make today will have an impact on future generations. So, we are being smart. We are making decisions that uphold our small-town feel, allow for growth, and strengthen our infrastructure. Anything short of that would be a disservice to our residents who proudly call Wilton Manors home.

Wilton Manors wouldn't be the city we've all grown to love if it weren't for those who have shared their vision with us along the way. Together, we will navigate the challenges ahead with resilience, determination, and our belief that *Life's Just Better Here* in the Island City!

Please reach out any time at 954-390-2123 or [snewton@wiltonmanors.com](mailto:snewton@wiltonmanors.com).



### Get In Touch, Stay In Touch!

Stay up-to-date on the latest Wilton Manors news by following the City of Wilton Manors on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/OfficialWiltonManors](https://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".

## Vice Mayor Mike Bracchi—Wilton Manors: A Vibrant Contender for the All-America City Award



Great news, Wilton Manors enthusiasts! Our dynamic city has been spotlighted as a finalist for the National Civic Leagues’ All-America City Program, a testament to our spirited community engagement and innovative local initiatives.

This June, I’m excited to lead a delegation of our city’s finest—energetic residents, innovative business owners, and dedicated staff—to Denver. Together, we’ll showcase the essence of Wilton Manors, a city that thrives on diversity and forward-thinking.

The theme this year is “Strengthening Democracy through Local Action and Innovation.” We’ve highlighted three of our standout projects: the transformative Wilton Drive Complete Streets, the supportive Safe Place Program, and our proactive Climate Resilience efforts.

### Wilton Drive Complete Streets: Beyond Ordinary

Wilton Drive is more than just a road; it’s the heartbeat of our city. Thanks to a unique collaboration across various government levels, we’ve turned it into a model of inclusivity and safety. The project ensures that pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists all share the space harmoniously, enhancing the vibrancy of our community. The transformation involved heaps of community feedback, which helped us reimagine our arts and entertainment district into a safer and more inclusive space for everyone to enjoy.

### Safe Place Program: Safety with a Smile

The Safe Place Program is our answer to creating a safer environment for all, especially the LGBTQ+ community and other vulnerable groups. With over 45 local businesses displaying Safe Place Decals, our city has woven a network of secure havens. These decals are not just signs; they symbolize a promise of safety and support, ensuring that help is on the way whenever needed. It’s about making everyone feel secure and supported in their community.

### Climate Resilience: Our Eco-Smart City in Action

Facing climate change head-on, Wilton Manors has embraced a suite of solutions to protect our environment and lead the way in sustainability. These initiatives not only safeguard our city but also empower every resident and business to take part in our green revolution. Check out the City’s Resilience Page to learn how you can contribute to these efforts.

As we prepare to share our story of innovation, diversity, and active community participation, it’s clear that Wilton Manors not only meets the criteria for the All-America City Award but does so with flair and camaraderie. Join us as we celebrate our achievements and continue to foster the strong, inclusive community spirit that makes Wilton Manors truly spectacular.

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](mailto: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!

## 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, Potholes
- Water or Sewer problems
- Tree Removal
- Parking Meter Issues

**CITY OF WILTON MANORS**

“Who You Gonna Call?”

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

**LEISURE SERVICES**  
 390-2130  
 Reception 390-2130 Library 390-2195 Park Ranger 612-2285

**Volunteer Opportunities**  
 390-2123  
 Limbs in Utility Lines FPI 797-5000  
 Tree Removal 519-1282 (Alex Schore, Broward County)  
 Parking Meter Issues 566-3704

**Water/Sewer Breaks (24 hrs) and General Public Works: 390-2190**  
**Building Permits: 390-2180 or E-mail 390-2151**

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 Chris Caputo—Westside Projects and Improvements



As part of our commitment to enhancing the quality of life for all residents, I'm eager to highlight the significant projects and improvements in the Westside neighborhood of Wilton Manors either recently completed or underway.

The city has recently completed several key infrastructure projects in the Westside area. A new drainage system has been installed on NW 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. between NW 24<sup>th</sup> St. and NW 26<sup>th</sup> St., addressing long-standing water management issues. Additionally, a new sanitary sewer lift station on Jenada Isle ensures better sewage management for the community. Upgraded water lines on NW 29<sup>th</sup> St. and NW 30<sup>th</sup> Ct. enhance service reliability and safety for residents. Roadway milling and resurfacing have improved driving conditions and safety on several roads in the west area. Furthermore, the speed limit on Powerline Road has been reduced following successful lobbying efforts by the Mayor, Police Chief, and City Manager, improving safety for pedestrians and drivers alike.

Mickel Park has been hailed as the jewel of the Westside. It has been transformed with unique amenities, including a fitness station, walking trail, playground, entertainment pavilion, and splash pad, making it a destination for all residents. The park now hosts annual concerts and community events, becoming a central hub for activities. Recent upgrades, such as restroom improvements, pavilion renovations, and parking lot striping, demonstrate our commitment to maintaining the park's excellence. Additionally, residents will soon see increased park patrols and a continuous staff presence.

Looking ahead, several important projects are in progress. Funded by the FDOT, the roadway improvements on NW 29<sup>th</sup> St. include adding sidewalks, bicycle lanes, traffic calming devices, and new drainage systems. Engineering work has begun on new drainage systems on NW 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. and NW 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave., with ground-breaking expected soon.

The city is also focused on enhancing transportation and safety. The ongoing Transportation Master Plan includes projects to improve The Avenue and create safe east-west connections between Powerline Road and the city center. New crosswalks are set to be installed on Andrews Ave. and 26<sup>th</sup> St., with the city assisting with funding and utility relocations. Additionally, with a \$1 million grant from the EPA, storm drain valves will be installed to prevent tidal backflow into neighborhood streets, showcasing our commitment to environmental resilience.

These partial list projects reflect our ongoing dedication to the Westside neighborhood, ensuring it continues to thrive and develop. For more information on the city's commitment to the Westside, visit my [chriscaputo.com/westside](http://chriscaputo.com/westside) webpage or email me at [ccaputo@wiltonmanors.com](mailto:ccaputo@wiltonmanors.com).

## Commissioner Don D'Arminio—Shining a Light on Recent Code Changes



Shortages of Affordable Housing are a long-standing challenge across the country, and particularly in our city.

The Commission recently modified our city code in an effort to address the "Affordable Housing Crisis." It's our first step in the right direction.

ALL new residential developments that utilize the additional height incentive allowed by our city code, now REQUIRE a percentage of "Affordable Housing Units".

The developer may either build the required number of units, or pay into a City Trust Fund earmarked for affordable/workforce housing.

To incentivize the developer to provide the required units in their development, we've reduced the minimum square footage as well as parking requirements for the affordable housing units only. This revised code will help provide much needed affordable/workforce housing relief to our residents.

I'm happy to report that any NEW Smoke/Vape shops are no longer permitted in Wilton Manors.

Also, new restaurants can NOT be "Drive-thru only". Dine in/seating is a new code requirement.

Finally, we've modified our code for ALL new developments on Wilton Drive AND Andrews Avenue. Retail/Commercial space is now required on 100% of the street level for BOTH corridors. The goal is to "activate the street" and provide a pedestrian friendly experience for our residents.

For our West Side residents especially, this means bringing life and vibrancy to an area where neighbors can patronize and socialize. This is another step towards making Andrews Avenue a revitalized vibrant corridor, dubbed "The Avenue", in addition to "The Drive".

Your feedback is important to me, and I welcome your comments, concerns and suggestions. Feel free to reach out to me directly on my cell at 201-921-4806, or via email at [ddarminio@wiltonmanors.com](mailto:ddarminio@wiltonmanors.com). As your City Commissioner, I stand WITH you, FOR you!

## Commissioner Paul Rolli—Police Staffing



A recent article in the Sun Sentinel highlighted the struggle many police agencies are facing with staffing shortages. Some of the reasons cited for the decline in officers were a steep increase in retirements, fewer people entering the profession, and the competitive market incentivizing other employment opportunities. In South Florida, we can add the rising cost of living and shortage of affordable housing to that list. The issue has become so pressing that the Governor has implemented \$5,000 signing bonuses to attract out-of-state certified officers to Florida. Many police agencies are offering that and more for sign on bonuses.

Wilton Manors has not been immune to this nationwide trend. Our department is currently operating at a 79% staffing level as officers have moved on for higher earning opportunities, professional advancement, and relocation to more affordable areas. Our Police Chief and the dedicated members of the WMPD are working together to protect and serve our community while we work hard to address vacancies.

Wilton Manors is actively engaged in recruiting new, qualified officers to join our team. The nationwide staffing shortage is causing all police agencies to compete with one another to draw from the declining pool of applicants and salaries have become volatile in the race to hire. Recruitment has grown beyond the traditional internet postings and job fairs. Our city has employed a variety of strategies including: unique advertising in targeted out-of-area markets, outreach efforts to reach diverse communities, working with educational institutions, and designating staff to conduct peer outreach recruiting.

We also recognize the importance of retaining our current officers that have a strong commitment to serving our residents. Efforts are being made to retain our dedicated and talented team including addressing competitive compensation, providing professional development opportunities, employing modern safety and technology tools, and offering training opportunities. The police officer's union and the City recently negotiated a three-year contract that provides all officers with raises between 24.64 % and 33.78% over the term of the contract. Though, the competitive hiring market is making our current wages a challenge in retention and recruitment. On May 1st, the City Manager formally asked the union to open the current collective bargaining agreement to renegotiate wages and longevity stipends to ensure competitive compensation.

Maintaining our independent agency is crucial in preserving our reputation as a safe haven for residents and visitors. Our small department offers what larger agencies cannot – a tailored, responsive and community-oriented service built on fostering relationships with the community. To protect that, we must face the changing dynamic of the law enforcement profession and be prepared to adapt. While this will no doubt require additional financial resources, I promise to find ways to balance the need to invest in public safety with fiscal responsibility and prudent budget management.

As always, if you have questions or concerns, feel free to contact me at [prolli@wiltonmanors.com](mailto: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 month 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](mailto: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>.

The **PRIMARY ELECTION** will be held TUESDAY, AUGUST 20. The deadline to register to vote is July 22 and the vote-by-mail ballot request deadline is Thursday, August 8. Early voting will be held August 10—18, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. The **GENERAL ELECTION** will be Tuesday, November 5, with registration deadline of October 7, and vote-by-mail request deadline of October 24. Early voting for the General Election will be October 21 to November 3. For Mail Ballot Request Service visit: <https://www.browardvotes.gov/Voter-Information/Vote-By-Mail-Voting>, or call 954.357.7055.

The Island City Hagen Park Tennis Center would like to express their heartfelt gratitude for all participants and local sponsors for supporting the yearly tennis tournament. Held on April 27<sup>th</sup>, the tournament was a tremendous success with participants of all ages and skill levels coming together to compete in friendly matches and enjoy a day filled with camaraderie and sportsmanship. The atmosphere was electric and it was wonderful to see so many members of the community come out to support our players and celebrate the sport of tennis.

We would like to extend our sincerest thanks to all the participants, volunteers, sponsors, and spectators who helped make the tournament a memorable event. Your dedication and enthusiasm are what make our community so special, and we are grateful for your continued support of our tennis program.

The following is a list of all of our local Island City sponsors:

**Leisure Services, The Pub on the Drive, Stork’s Bakery & Coffee House, Bubbles & Pearls, Apt. 9F, Union Kitchen & Bar, and the folks at Tennis Plaza.**



Ayman Keindl—Tennis Director, Hagen Park Information about our tennis programs can be found here: <https://www.wiltonmanors.gov/561/Island-City-Tennis-Center> or call 954-390.2132 to speak with Ayman or Donna.

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](http://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, 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

**CHECK OUT OUR ONLINE SERVICES**

VISIT [WILTONMANORS.COM](http://WILTONMANORS.COM) TO:

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



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



**The deadline for nominations is August 31, 2024.** Nominations will be reviewed in the CAAB meeting on Wednesday, September 4, 2024. The Hispanic Heritage Month honoree will be presented in the Commission Meeting of Tuesday, September 24, while the LGBTQ+ History Month (October) honoree will be presented in the Commission Meeting of Tuesday, October 8.

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

Qualifications to consider:

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

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

Nominations may be made using the forms available at City Hall or on the City's website from the CAAB webpage here: <https://www.wiltonmanors.gov/482/Community-Affairs-Advisory-Board>. You may also simply send a nomination email in 250 words or less to: [community@wiltonmanors.com](mailto:community@wiltonmanors.com), explaining why this individual or business should be recognized. **NOMINATIONS ARE DUE BY AUGUST 31, 2024.** Paper nomination forms are also available at City Hall.

## Emergency Management/Utilities Division 954-390-2190

### Secure Shredding Event

**When:** Saturday, August 24, 2024  
9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

**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, has contracted with The Red Shredder to provide this **FREE, secure and confidential shredding service**. The Red Shredder uses cross-cut shredding technology, and all resulting paper shreds are removed from the waste stream and recycled into new products. Hard-drive punching will also be available at this event.

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

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

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

## Emergency Management/Utilities Division 954-390-2190

### HURRICANE SEASON IS JUNE 1 TO NOV 30

It's time to start preparing for hurricane season, as well as other emergencies! Every household should be prepared to be self-sufficient for the **first five to seven days** after a major storm so recovery efforts can focus on those who can't help themselves. For information and ideas, check out the Wilton Manors Emergency Management page on [www.wiltonmanors.com](http://www.wiltonmanors.com) and visit Broward County at [www.broward.org/emergency](http://www.broward.org/emergency). You can also contact the Broward County Call Center at 311 or 954-831-4000 (TTY 954-831-3940).

### BE INFORMED

#### *NOTIFICATIONS OF EMERGENCY SITUATIONS*

The City of Wilton Manors encourages residents to sign up to receive emergency notifications through our **CodeRED** notification system, and the City's E-mail News Service. To register, go to [www.wiltonmanors.com](http://www.wiltonmanors.com) and click on "Connect with Us" at the top of the page.

Don't forget to tune in your radio to **AM1630** before, during and after a storm for updates from the City of Wilton Manors and the National Weather Service.

Also subscribe to Broward County's free Emergency Update E-mail System, visit [www.broward.org/hurricane](http://www.broward.org/hurricane) and click on "AlertBroward Emergency Notifications" under Resources to sign up. The system provides residents with important information from the Broward County Emergency Operations Center before, during and after a hurricane.

### BE PREPARED

#### *HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS CHECKLIST*

It is **YOUR** responsibility to be sure you are prepared. Make sure you have the following items **BEFORE** a storm hits:

- FOOD:** Non-perishable packaged or canned food supplies for 5-7 days, and a manual can opener. Don't forget a 5-7 day supply of special needs items for babies such as formula, food, wipes, diapers; special foods for the elderly; toiletries and extra toilet paper
- WATER:** Minimum of 3 gallons of drinking water per person; preferably one gallon per person per day for two weeks. Extra water is needed for food preparation and personal hygiene. To store drinking water, use food-grade containers such as clean, airtight two-liter soda jugs. If you re-use disposable plastic bottles, do not keep them for more than a month
- First aid supplies and **prescription medications** for 2 weeks\*
- Waterproof tarps and/or plastic sheeting
- Plastic trash bags and ties; extra re-sealable plastic storage bags, heavy-duty aluminum foil and disposable aluminum pans
- Paper goods such as plates, bowls, napkins, towels, and plastic eating utensils
- Protective clothing, rainwear, bedding or sleeping bags
- Mosquito repellent with DEET, and sunscreen
- Tool kit including cord, rope, hammer, wood nails, saw, hatchet or axe, crowbar, chainsaw blades, tarp, duct tape, and heavy work gloves
- Batteries
- Battery-powered radio, flashlight, clock
- Unscented bleach (and a medicine dropper), soap, detergent
- Hand sanitizer
- Extra charcoal or propane gas for outdoor cooking
- Matches in a waterproof container
- Fire extinguisher (ABC type)
- Full gas tank
- Cash (ATMs won't work during a power outage)
- A simple corded telephone
- Fully charged cell phone with a car charger accessory
- Pet supplies
- A designated out-of-town contact for family and friends
- A list of important phone numbers (doctors, insurance agents, etc.)
- Protected, waterproof storage area for important documents (insurance, property deed, etc.)
- Waterproof tarps and plastic sheeting
- Learn how to turn off electricity, gas and water, if advised to do so

If you will be using a portable generator at home, search "Generator Safety" on the City's website for guidelines about the proper preparation and use of portable generators.

Protect your property and neighborhood. Prior to the hurricane season, take advantage of monthly bulk pick-up services and remove loose belongings and debris outside your home, and properly trim over grown landscape. Waiting until after an event may hinder clean-up efforts by overloading facilities and resources!

**Quick Tip:** \*Prepare ahead for your medical needs such as dialysis, insulin, oxygen, and any prescription drugs. The emergency refill law now allows you to obtain a 30-day supply of medications when an emergency is declared. Contact your pharmacy for details on your prescriptions.

## Emergency Management/Utilities Division 954-390-2190

### HURRICANE SEASON INFORMATION CONTINUED

#### BE SAFE

##### *HAVE A PLAN*

Know where you will be during a hurricane event. Discuss action plans with family and friends, plan for Special Needs family members, plan for your pets, gather your supplies and protect your assets. Whether you plan to stay at home or will be evacuating to a safe location...make sure you can properly secure your home. Pay attention to evacuation notices. If you think you may need a shelter or have special needs, visit [www.broward.org/hurricane](http://www.broward.org/hurricane) and click on the "Registrations", "Residents At Risk" and "Shelters" links. Verify whether or not these facilities can accommodate your needs.

##### *BROWARD COUNTY'S VULNERABLE POPULATION REGISTRY*

Broward County has a Vulnerable Population Registry for residents who are at risk due to disability, frailty or health issues, regardless of age, who elect to stay at home in the event of a hurricane or other emergency. The Registry is a partnership between Broward County and municipalities to help emergency responders better plan for recoveries from hurricanes and other emergencies. It **is not** a guarantee of assistance.

After a hurricane or other emergency, residents may experience prolonged power and phone outages. Residents may not be able to leave their apartments to get assistance because the elevators are not functioning, or to let others know that they are in need. Municipalities use the Registry to help evaluate resident needs and to assist in planning their response in an emergency. While registering in the database **is not** a guarantee that you will be provided services or placed on a priority list for responders, it will help responders be better prepared to meet resident needs in a recovery.

Don't wait for an emergency, register early! You can register online at [www.broward.org/AtRisk](http://www.broward.org/AtRisk) and select "Vulnerable Population" or by calling the Broward County Call Center at 311 or 954-831-4000 (TTY 954-831-3940). All the information provided will be held in strictest confidence as required by State law.

#### Access the Hurricane Preparedness Checklist For Businesses on the City's website here:

<https://www.wiltonmanors.gov/DocumentCenter/View/3124/Hurricane-Preparedness-For-Businesses?bidId=>.

View other important information from the Emergency Preparedness page (<https://www.wiltonmanors.gov/140/Emergency-Preparedness>) including:

Create a Personalized Disaster Plan  
 Special Needs Shelter Accommodations  
 Tips to protect your pets  
 Construction and Contractor Info  
 General Hurricane Information.  
 Flood Dangers.  
 Plant the Right Tree in the Right Place.  
 Generator Safety

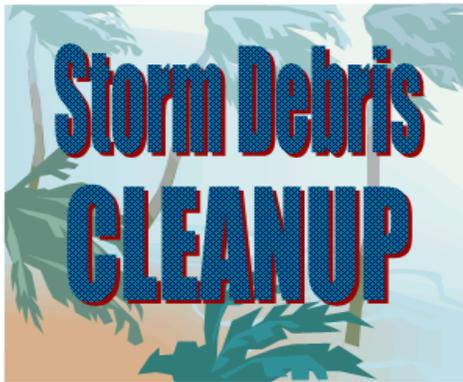
## TREE TRIMMING

With the 2024 hurricane season underway, don't wait until a storm is on its way to prepare your trees and other landscape to minimize damage to structures, roadways and other property. It's not too late to address potential issues now by following some simple guidelines:

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



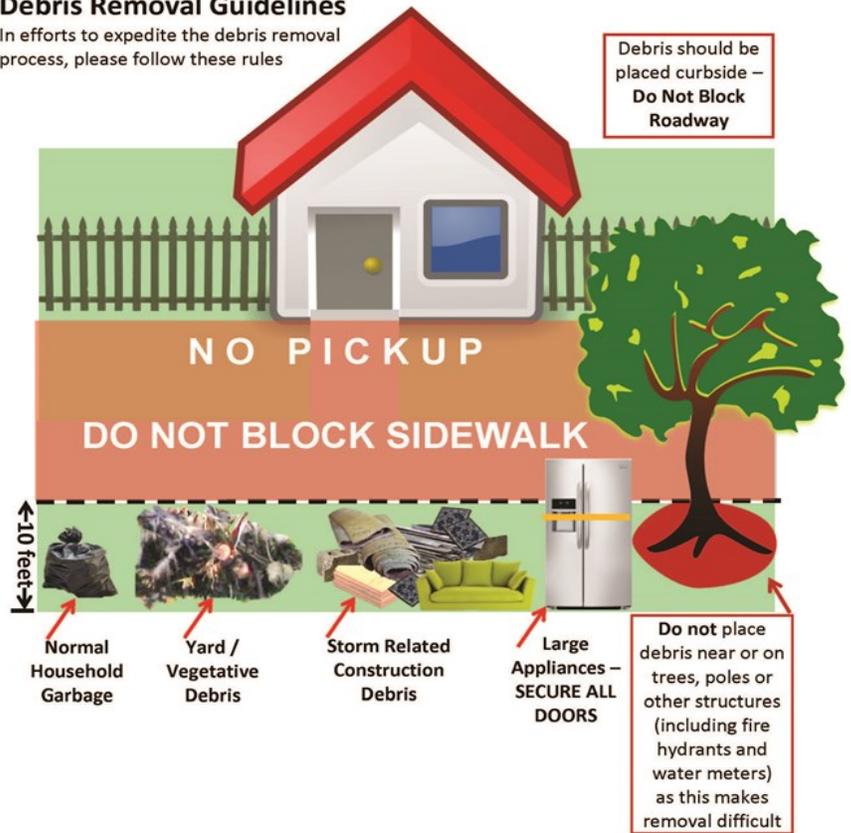
**Emergency Management/Utilities Division 954-390-2190**



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

**Debris Removal Guidelines**

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



**➤ NORMAL HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE**

This is only what you would normally put in your trash bags and containers, including food waste. This excludes yard/vegetative debris and storm related construction debris. Separate Normal Household Garbage from yard debris and storm related building debris. Place in a container with a sealed lid; or place in a heavy mil bag (securely tie bag). Place the container(s) in a dry, open area at the curb in front of your house.

**➤ YARD/VEGETATIVE DEBRIS**

Yard/vegetative debris includes shrubs, bushes, tree branches, leaves, twigs, or cut-up tree parts. It does NOT include boards (fencing or deck boards) – these are Construction Debris. Place trees, branches, etc., in piles that can be easily managed by collection personnel. You do not need to bundle your yard debris. (Be cautious of electric wires that may be down, and remember to use safety measures if using chain saws!!!) Make sure you keep yard debris separate from other garbage.

**➤ STORM RELATED CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS**

Storm related construction debris is any material relating to construction of buildings, such as: fencing and deck boards, concrete, glass, drywall, insulation, concrete block, tile, shingles or building rubble, as well as furniture. Residents will be notified about this collection through public service broadcasts.

**➤ LARGE APPLIANCES**

Large appliances include refrigerators, washers/dryers, air conditioners, stoves, water heaters, and dishwashers. **Do not leave the doors of any of these appliances unsealed or unsecured.**

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

**Community Development Services (CDS) 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](http://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](mailto:CDSinfo@wiltonmanors.com).



Please welcome these new businesses that opened February, March & April 2024:

	<u>Address</u>	<u>Business Name</u>
<b>February:</b>	1518 E Oakland Park Blvd	Downtown Bicycles
	1160 NE 24th Ct. Suite B	Underwear Empire LLC
	1417 NE 26 St	The Food Truck Store
	2740 N Andrews Ave	The Psychic Experience
<b>March:</b>	2312 Wilton Dr 40B	Massoletics Massage LLC
	2422 N Dixie Hwy	Space Untitled
	2603 N Dixie Hwy	92 Korean Chicken
<b>April:</b>	1430 NE 26 Street	Wilton Art Works Gallery/Studio
	2705 N Andrews Ave	Chocolate City GMC



Development Applications  
 Current development projects that the city is processing can be found on the city’s website via the CDS page at: [www.wiltonmanors.gov/131/Community-Development-Services](http://www.wiltonmanors.gov/131/Community-Development-Services). You can also go there directly at: [www.wiltonmanors.gov/836/Development-Applications](http://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.

**74+ Years of Kiwanis Service in Wilton Manors—preserving the legacy**

The evolution of the Wilton Manors Kiwanis Club began after WWII, when the population of Wilton Manors grew dramatically, with many young families moving into the Village. The gentlemen of the community decided it was time to form a Kiwanis club to serve the children of those families. The officers were elected and installed on September 19, 1950, and the Club’s official charter was presented November 25, 1950.

In 1952, one of the Club’s first projects was to raise funds and build a baseball diamond on a lot adjacent to the new elementary school on 26th Street.

James Dean, served as president in 1953. In 1958, he donated land for a Clubhouse. The Club borrowed money from the members to build the structure. It was completed at the end of 1958 and included a kitchen, auditorium meeting room, and two bathrooms. The Clubhouse provided the Kiwanians a venue for a variety of major fund-raising events during the year. You may remember the Pancake Festivals (which one year attracted over 1500 guests), Chili Cook Offs, Spaghetti Dinners, Steak and Fries, Fish Fries, Burgoo Kentucky BBQs, Pumpkin Patch, and Christmas Tree lot.

Revenue from these events, as well as rental of the Clubhouse itself, was used to sponsor a variety of Youth Activities; including Kid’s Day, Little League, Soap Box Derby, Boy Scout Troop 115, and in the mid 1990’s, stewardship of Kiwanis Park (later expanded and renamed Island City Park Preserve). The proceeds were also used to fund numerous other programs for Wilton Manors children, seniors, police officers, and city employees.

Over decades, various Wilton Manors community service organizations were formed, flourished, then would struggle with recruiting new members and ultimately folded. The Wilton Manors Kiwanis Club lasted the longest, with over 74 years of service. But it too saw the end was approaching and made plans to liquidate and disband.

In 2021 the Kiwanis Club approached the City about purchasing the Clubhouse property. For a number of reasons, the City Commission was reluctant to add another property to the park system. So the Club voted to move forward with selling the waterfront property on the open-market. The property sold on June 9, 2022 for \$883,100.

To ensure a continuing legacy of supporting the community in the future, the remaining members voted to use most of the proceeds to establish a number of targeted endowed scholarships through the *Broward College Foundation*; and to fund certain program areas through the *Broward Education Foundation* and the *Florida Kiwanis Foundation*.

Learn more about the history and legacy of the **Wilton Manors Kiwanis Club** at <https://tinyurl.com/kiwanishistory>.

**Questions or comments? Email us at [wmhs@WMHistory.org](mailto:wmhs@WMHistory.org)**



## WILTON MANORS POLICE DEPARTMENT



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### From Chief Gary Blocker: JUNE BRINGS EVERYTHING PRIDE!



This summer, we will experience everything Pride here in our Island City, and on Saturday, June 15th, we will host the annual Stonewall Pride Parade and Street Festival. The professionals of the Wilton Manors Police Department share in the excitement as we approach this signature event, and we look forward to protecting and serving you while you participate. Several events that bring light to our Pride are taking place, and our partners at Stonewall National Museum, Archives & Library are hosting two that I believe will be great. I believe they will be great because of the experience they provided us. The Museum hosted a training and educational experience that saw our officers learn more about LGBTQ+ history giving us greater perspective into how we can serve our community better. This June marks the 55th anniversary of the Stonewall Uprising, and The Museum is taking that historic event and creating an immersive experience in two parts. First, on June 1st at 6:00 p.m., their exhibit opens where you can walk into a replica of 1969, at the Stonewall Inn as it is assumed to have looked like on June 28th before the riot. The music, bar, and atmosphere will take you back in time. Then on June 29th, starting at 5:30 p.m., they will assemble to carry out the first reenactment of the event, and they will kick this off outside the Stonewall Museum. Please join our partners at the Stonewall Museum located at 1300 E. Sunrise Boulevard in Fort Lauderdale. It's these events, and others, that show tangible proof #IslandCityNation is special, and as a community, police department, and City, we do it right, always striving to reach the "Pinnacle of Greatness"!!! Have a great summer!!!



*Follow the Wilton Manors Police Department on FACEBOOK!*

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

And get more valuable information on the Wilton Manors Police Department pages on the city's website ([www.wiltonmanors.com](http://www.wiltonmanors.com)): <https://www.wiltonmanors.gov/204/Police-Department>

**National Night Out** has been rescheduled from Tuesday, August 6, to Tuesday, October 1—from 6-8 p.m. at Hagen Park. Find more information about National Night Out here: <https://www.wiltonmanors.gov/305/National-Night-Out>



### Stonewall Pride Parade & Street Festival—June 15, 2024, from 3 p.m. to 11 p.m.

To commemorate the 55th anniversary of the 1969 Stonewall Riots, the City will co-sponsor the annual Stonewall Pride Parade and Street Festival on June 15. The street festival will kick off at 3 p.m. with live music and vendors, followed by the Glow Night Parade at 8 p.m.

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

## Living with Wildlife: Strategies for Minimizing Wildlife Encounters

South Florida, and by extension, Wilton Manors, serves as a natural habitat for various species of wildlife. Recently there have been sightings of red and gray foxes in and around our City. It's important to note that feeding wild animals is prohibited by Chapter 4 – Animals Code of Ordinances of the City of Wilton Manors.

Code Sec. ***“4-5. - Feeding of wild animals prohibited.***

***The following term, as used in this Section, is defined as set out below:***

***Wild animal: For purposes of this Section, the term wild animal shall include, but not be limited to, ducks, coyotes, foxes, raccoons, and iguanas.***

***It shall be deemed a violation of this Section for any person to feed, cause to be fed, or leave foodstuffs for wild animals.***

Florida's expanding wildlife and human populations are increasingly crossing paths, leading to a myriad of conflicts as diverse as the state's environment. As development expands and wildlife habitats shrink, encounters between people and wildlife frequently give rise to conflicts. Fortunately, many wildlife conflicts can be effectively mitigated by implementing the actions listed below.

**Secure attractants in a locked and fully enclosed structure:**

- Pet food
- Garbage until the morning of pick-up
- Birdseed
- Fallen fruit

**Secure pets:**

- Carry noise-making devices when walking the neighborhood
- Do not leave unattended in the yard
- Do not allow to free roam

**Scare and/or haze without harm by directing the following behaviors toward the animal:**

- Yelling, waving arms, and stomping feet
- Banging pots and pans together
- Deploying personal air horns and vehicle horns
- Squirting a water hose
- Throwing sticks and rocks
- Loud Alarms

Wildlife conflicts can sometimes lead to a generalized perception of all wildlife as nuisances, overlooking their inherent value. It is important to remember that all of Florida's native species contribute to balanced ecosystems. While an individual animal exhibiting behavior that conflicts with human expectations may be labeled as “nuisance wildlife,” we must be careful not to apply this term to entire species.

**Removing Nuisance Wildlife**

Nuisance wildlife refers to an animal or animals exhibiting behavior that:

- causes (or is about to cause) property damage,
- presents a threat to public safety, or
- causes an annoyance within, under or upon a building.

The simple presence or sightings of wildlife, should not be considered nuisance behavior. Wildlife does not associate their fear of humans with our homes, vehicles, or other structures which is why they may be seen in your yard and community. For more information, visit the FWC Species Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission at [www.myFWC.com](http://www.myFWC.com) or go directly to <https://myfwc.com/conservation/you-conserve/wildlife/remove/>.

## 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](mailto:codecompliance@wmpd.org)  
Or visit us online at: <https://www.wiltonmanors.com/349/Code-Compliance-Unit>



# LEISURE SERVICES 954-390-2130

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

### ISLAND CITY SUMMER CAMP

The Wilton Manors Summer Camp is an 8-week adventure filled camp located at Island City Park Preserve. During summer camp, your child will have the opportunity to meet new friends, participate in arts & crafts, outdoor play, science experiments and weekly special events. Field trips, daily lunch and afternoon snacks are included in the fees. Spaces are limited. Camp Location: Island City Park Preserve Days: Monday – Friday

Hours: 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Ages: Kindergarten – 5th Grade (2024-25 School Year)

For more information and a registration form, call (954) 390-2130

	RESIDENT	NON-RESIDENT
<b>Weekly Rate (1<sup>st</sup> Child)</b>	<b>\$160 Per Week</b>	<b>\$180 Per Week</b>
<b>Weekly Rate (2<sup>nd</sup> Child)</b>	<b>\$140 Per Week</b>	<b>\$160 Per Week</b>
<b>Summer Camp Shirts</b>	<b>Youth Sizes—\$10</b>	<b>Adult Sizes—\$12</b>

### KID'S FITNESS CLASS

This 60-minute (7pm-8pm) class on Mondays and Wednesdays is designed to build strength, learn fitness techniques and encourage an active lifestyle in youth. Activities will include circuit and weight training, outdoor fitness, games and more. Children in grades K-5<sup>th</sup> (2024-25 school year) are welcome to come experience an active fitness class. Spaces are limited. Preregister at Hagen Park Community Center.

#### June Session (June 3<sup>rd</sup> – June 26<sup>th</sup>)

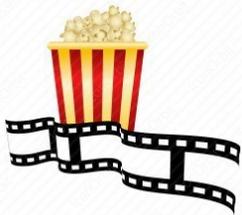
**When:** Mondays & Wednesdays 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.

**Where:** Island City Park Preserve 823 NE 28th Street 954-390-2115

**Cost:** \$10 per class or \$60 for entire session (8 classes)

## Upcoming Programs & Events

### CLASSIC MOVIE MATINEE—SUMMER SERIES



Step into a world of timeless cinema magic with our 8-week summer series of classic movies! Starting June 17<sup>th</sup>, immerse yourself in the golden age of film every Monday at 1:00 pm inside the cozy confines of Hagen Park Community Center.

**When:** Mondays at 1:00pm (June 17<sup>th</sup> – August 5<sup>th</sup>)

**Where:** Hagen Park Community Center 2020 Wilton Drive 954-390-2130

**Cost:** Free

Movie lineup: 6/17: The Wizard of Oz 6/24: War of the Worlds 7/1: Funny Face 7/8: The Incredible Shrinking Man 7/15: Forbidden Planet 7/22: Casablanca 7/29: Jailhouse Rock 8/5: Psycho

Register at the Hagen Park Community Center. For more information call 954-390-2130 or email [LeisureServices@wiltonmanors.com](mailto:LeisureServices@wiltonmanors.com).

### PING PONG

Experience the thrill of Ping Pong – have fun, burn calories, and sharpen your coordination skills all at once! Join us for some exciting games today!

**When:** Tuesdays 9 a.m. - 11a.m.

**Where:** Hagen Park Community Center 2020 Wilton Drive 954-390-2130

**Cost:** Free

# LEISURE SERVICES 954-390-2130

## Upcoming Programs & Events

### REIKI CIRCLE

Reiki is the process of channeling Universal Life Energy into your body and aura to revitalize the energy field. Reiki can be utilized as a self-help technique, as a therapy adjunct to prevent medical care, stress management, relief of tension and pain, and to promote specific healing.

When:	Thursdays 7 p.m. — 9 p.m.
Cost:	\$20 Per Class
Where:	<a href="#">Island City Cultural Center, 600 NE 21 CT</a>

### CHAIR YOGA EMPOWER HOUR & SOUND THERAPY

Empower Hour is designed to increase balance and flexibility, improve muscle toning and strength, help manage chronic conditions and reduce pain. Chair Yoga can also boost your mood and well-being. Sound therapy helps heal the mind and body through music, tones, frequencies, and vibrations.

When:	Thursdays 10:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m.
Cost:	\$4 Per Class/Wilton Manors Residents \$5 Per Class/Non-Residents
Where:	<a href="#">Island City Cultural Center, 600 NE 21 CT</a>

### CHAIR VOLLEYBALL

Chair volleyball has many health benefits, including developing hand-eye coordination, building upper body strength, and improving muscle tone and endurance. The sport builds camaraderie and teamwork and reduces stress. But most of all its just a lot of fun.

When:	Tuesdays 1 p.m. — 2 p.m.
Cost:	Free
Where:	<a href="#">Hagen Park Community Center, 2020 Wilton Dr</a>

### BRAINS AND BALANCE

Our "Brains and Balance Past 60" program is designed for the unique needs of active older adults who know the importance of staying mentally sharp and physically stable. This innovative program is a clever combination of specific activities designed to improve your memory, reasoning, conceptualization, language and problem-solving skills along with age appropriate exercise to improve stability. Discover how much fun "Brains & Balance" training can be while you exercise your mind and body with our specially designed curriculum.

When:	Wednesdays 10 a.m.— 11 a.m.
Cost:	Wilton Manors Residents (Must show proof of residency) Free/ Non-Residents \$3
Where:	<a href="#">Hagen Park Community Center, 2020 Wilton Dr</a>



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](mailto:friendsofwiltonmanorsparks@gmail.com).

Join the group at our **PARK PRIDE** event at The Pub on Wilton Drive, Sunday, June 30, from 12-3p.m. "Please 'come out' with your Pride pups, compete in corn hole games, silent auctions, raffles, light fare, and happy hour pricing."

MORE Upcoming HOLIDAY Programs & Events



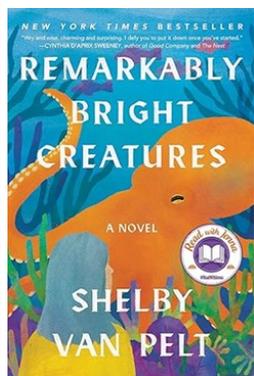
# THE LIBRARY CORNER

500 NE 26th Street

954-390-2195

**Adult Programs:**

Our ever-popular and energetic Island City Book Club continues throughout this summer on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome and first-timers always encouraged. Contact library staff early for information on each book and if you need a copy.



June 12, 2024: *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt.

After Tova Sullivan's husband died, she began working the night shift at the Sowell Bay Aquarium, mopping floors and tidying up. Keeping busy has always helped her cope, which she's been doing since her eighteen-year-old son, Erik, mysteriously vanished on a boat in Puget Sound over thirty years ago. Tova becomes acquainted with curmudgeonly Marcellus, a giant Pacific octopus living at the aquarium. Marcellus knows more than anyone can imagine but wouldn't dream of lifting one of his eight arms for his human captors--until he forms a remarkable friendship with Tova.

Ever the detective, Marcellus deduces what happened the night Tova's son disappeared. And now Marcellus must use every trick his old invertebrate body can muster to unearth the truth for her before it's too late.

July 10, August 14: titles TBD

**Children's Summer Reading Program:**

Halt the summer slide. Keep your kids' minds active over the summer break with our fun Summer Reading Program! Encourage and track your kids' reading to qualify for special prizes. Attend our Summer Reading events to be held on select Wednesdays at 4:00 P.M. June through August and stock up on books from your Richard C. Sullivan Public Library of Wilton Manors to keep your voracious readers reading! For more information contact library staff.

**Learning Resources Highlight – Mango Languages:**

Interested in learning a new language or practicing your skills in a second language you may have already started learning? Discover our *Mango Languages* platform, free via the Internet with your library card! Visit us in-person if you need a library card and start your new language journey via our website today!

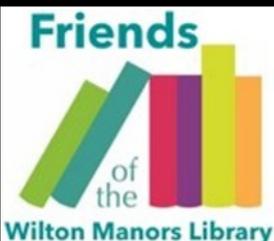


[www.wiltonmanors.gov/library](http://www.wiltonmanors.gov/library)

**Friends of the Wilton Manors Library  
SUMMER BOOK FAIR**

The Friends of the Wilton Manors Library will hold its SUMMER BOOK FAIR on Saturday, July 13, 2024 from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. It will be held inside the Hagen Park Community Center (behind City Hall) at 2020 Wilton Drive.

The Friends will be offering a huge selection of books, DVDs and music CDs for adults and children at drastically low donation prices. All proceeds benefit the Public Library in Wilton Manors. For more information please call 954-566-9019.



## 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>

## 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 [flobardo@wiltonmanors.com](mailto:flobardo@wiltonmanors.com) or Assistant City Clerk Patricia Staples at [pstaples@wiltonmanors.com](mailto:pstaples@wiltonmanors.com) or call 954-390-2128. Your application can also be emailed to the City Clerk's Office at [CityClerk@wiltonmanors.com](mailto: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 (3 seats are available **now** due to resignations, 3 seats expire September 1—apply by July 23), 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



Summer is rapidly approaching as is Hurricane Season. If you plan to do any hurricane hardening of your home, you may want to investigate the My Safe Florida Home program. This program has been very popular and successful in assisting some residents to pay for upgrading your roofs, windows, and doors. The program provides for a 2 for 1 matching grant with a maximum reimbursement of \$10,000.00. Not only does it assist in the capital expense but could provide reductions in your homeowner insurance.

The program ran out of funds last year, but the Legislature added more funds this year with changes to encourage more low-income residents and seniors to take advantage of it. The portal will reopen on July 1, 2024, with several changes. To qualify for the grant, you must have applied for and received the complimentary home inspection through the Program, you must have a homestead exemption, your home has an insured value of less Than \$500,000.00, and the initial building permit for your home was prior to 2008. There is no income requirement for the inspection or the matching grant program.

Additionally, when the portal reopens, application dates are staggered to give seniors and low-income priority in applying for the grants.

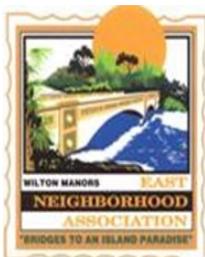
- Low-income homeowners age 60+ – July 1 – July 15th
- Low-income homeowners of any age – July 16th – 30th
- Moderate-income homeowners age 60+ – July 31st – August 14th
- Moderate-income homeowners of any age – August 15th – 30th
- All other eligible Florida homeowners – August 31st

If you are unsure of your home hurricane ready, apply for the inspection, it's free. If you are planning to make capital improvements to doors, windows and roofs, this is a great opportunity to be reimbursed for some of your expenses.

For more information check out their website: <https://mysafehome.com>.

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

For more information about Three Bridges, please visit our website: [3bridgesassociation.com](http://3bridgesassociation.com) or visit our Facebook page or Facebook Group.



## WILTON MANORS EAST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

The East Neighborhood Association of Wilton Manors (ENA) will be having its quarterly meeting on Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at Independence Hall at 7 p.m. We will hear important information about our neighborhood from the police, city officials and employees. Two days later on Saturday June 22<sup>nd</sup>, ENA will be having its quarterly NE 26<sup>th</sup> Street Cleanup at 10am. Everyone meets at the Board of Realtors and then walks up and down NE 26<sup>th</sup> Street picking up trash and litter. It takes less than 1 hour help keep our neighborhood clean. Please join us! Also, we are looking for help in beautifying our park at the entrance to Wilton Manors on NE 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue by the bridge at the N. Fork of the Middle River. If you have any questions about our neighborhood or ENA, or want to help with the park, please call me at 954-564-3821. – John Fiore, President East Neighborhood Association Inc. ([jrfiorefla@gmail.com](mailto:jrfiorefla@gmail.com)).



The Westside Association held its Annual Membership Meeting on April 18th. Thank you to everyone who attended the meeting, including Mayor Scott Newton and City Manager Leigh Ann Henderson. Broward County Commissioner Robert McKinzie, whose District 8 covers the Westside, addressed the Association membership, providing an opportunity for residents to learn more about County issues impacting our community and to discuss topics of Westside concern, such as the future of County-owned Andrews Avenue. For more information, please go to our [Home page](#).



The Association Membership endorsed and congratulated a new Westside Board of Directors, who will serve two-year terms. The 2024 – 2026 Directors include: Mike Allison, José Cedeño, Larry Farver, Emily McCrater, Hunter Stephens, and Shawn Walsh. The Board bid farewell and thanked our outgoing Vice President, Evan Smith, and Treasurer, Van Gosselin.



The Westside Association is excited to announce the installation of Westside Banners around the neighborhood. If you haven't already seen a Banner, keep an eye out for them as you drive/walk/bike through the neighborhood. The initial 8 Banners can be seen at high traffic intersections where residents and visitors typically come in, out, or through the Westside. Our hope is the Westside Banners will build on our sense of pride in the neighborhood and alert people coming through that they are in a residential area.

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

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



### Message from Central Area Neighborhood Association—CANA

In addition to communicating news and information to our neighbors, CANA is endeavoring to assist our city and local governments to make decisions on policy and projects that embrace our mantra of “Getting Better.” Our goal is to work together as a team, bringing unity into our community.

While embracing working with all our neighborhood associations, we are working together proactively with the West Side Association of Wilton Manors on county transportation surtax projects on North Andrews Ave. to improve our infrastructure, transportation, and safety. Check out Broward County’s map of surtax projects here: [Municipalities | MAP Broward Home New \(arcgis.com\)](#)

We are reaching beyond city borders regarding issues that impact each of us as a community on county and state-controlled issues that are impactful to our individual lives, communicating with our State Senator, Jason Pizzo, and State House representative Darryl Campbell on issues that impact each of us such as home insurance and condo recertification requirements.

Please join our Facebook group page for more information, updates, and ways to get involved with community; CANA/ Central Area Neighborhood Association

Become a member at <https://www.canawm.org/join> Communicate with us via our email; [membership@canawm.org](mailto:membership@canawm.org). Our next meeting will be in July. (More information to follow)

You can visit all four of the City’s Neighborhood Associations’ websites from links on the City website’s Neighborhood Associations webpage here:

<https://www.wiltonmanors.gov/327/Neighborhood-Associations>



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