

WILTON DRIVE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

Property Owner Update
February 2024

Dear Property Owners,

The Wilton Drive Improvement District closed 2023 by celebrating the City Commission's approval to extend the District's existence for five more years to continue the District's mission and important service to the Wilton Drive 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, as well as an air pump...the basic tools for common bicycle repairs someone may encounter.

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

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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:

1. Mark Hunter of Hunter's Nightclub
2. Jason and Khan of Tropics Grille
3. Mitchell Bloch of Island City Traders
4. Antonia Dumas of To the Moon Marketplace
5. 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:

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

All the best,

Claudia Castillo | Chair Wilton Drive Improvement District

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