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Fall 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, September 10 & 24
 Tuesday, October 8 & 22
 Tuesday, November 12 & 26

City offices closed:

Labor Day, Monday, September 2
 Indigenous Peoples' Day, Monday, October 14
 Veterans Day, Monday, Nov 11
 Thanksgiving, Thursday, Nov 28

National Night Out is 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 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 4-Sept	Tues 3-Sept	Mon 9-Sept	Wed 16-Oct	Mon 21-Oct	Meets Quarterly:	Budget Review
Wed 2-Oct	Meets	Mon 7-Oct	Meets Every 2	Meets	Thurs 12-Sept	Quarterly Meeting:
Wed 6-Nov	Quarterly	Mon 18-Nov	Months	Quarterly	Wed 13-Nov	Mon 4-Nov

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

SCHEDULE FOR BULK TRASH AND RECYCLING

NORTH/WEST regular garbage pickup days are **Monday & Thursday**, and your bulk trash days are: **Mondays, September 16, October 21, and November 18**

SOUTH/EAST regular garbage pickup days are **Tuesday & Friday**, your bulk trash days are: **Tuesday, September 17, October 22, and November 19**

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

Condominium bulk pickup (quarterly): Saturday, September 21.

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—Smart Growth



We live in such a special place here in Wilton Manors, and as your Mayor, I never take that for granted. In every decision the City Commission makes, I think about how it will impact our residents' quality of life. The last four years have been transformative, and I am proud of the progress we have made. We have a vision for our future, to preserve our small town feel while encouraging careful redevelopment of commercial corridors, and maintaining fiscal responsibility. In support of that vision, we accomplished many things over the last few years. Some highlights:

- We established a master plan to upgrade and improve our water, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure that is now being implemented. This will ensure the resilience of the infrastructure over the next 30 years, and allow for additional capacity to accommodate a modest increase in our population through redevelopment.
- I was proud to lead the Commission through the process to encourage the redevelopment of aging commercial corridors through moderate height and density increases. As a result, there are several active development applications with more on the way. These developments will increase our tax base and lessen the load on existing residents, while also ensuring we don't overdevelop.
- Thanks to the completed lane reduction project on Wilton Drive, accidents have decreased and we have a proper Main Street.
- We recently completed a Transportation Master Plan. As a built-out city, we can't build any new roads. We must improve safety and increase walkability and bikeability on existing roads, and the Plan provides projects to do so throughout the City.
- We have advocated at Broward County for improvements to NE 26 St and Andrews Avenue, resulting in transportation surtax funding of almost \$24 million dollars to come for pedestrian and bicyclist improvements to these key corridors in our City.
- Maintaining our inclusive and welcoming culture is a key core value of Wilton Manors. We continue to score a perfect 100 on the Human Rights Campaign's Municipal Equality Index for the tenth year in a row. Working with the Police Chief we also created the Safe Place Program, which provides safe haven for residents and visitors who have been victims of hate, bias, and harassment to report crimes if they don't feel comfortable coming forward to the police department.
- We continue to work hard to reduce greenhouse gases and address the impacts of climate change in the Island City, and to encourage residents and businesses to do the same.

This has been a challenging budget year, and it's not over yet. But I am truly optimistic about the course we are on, to ensure the City is a safe, fiscally and environmentally healthy place to live well into the future.

What do you think? I would love to hear from you. Email me at snewton@wiltonmanors.com or call City Hall at 954-390-2120.

The 2024/2025 Budget process finalizes in September with two more Public Hearings. Please join us on Thursday, September 12, 2024 at 6:30pm in the City Commission Chambers for the "First Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget and Millages, and Final Public Hearing on Special Assessments", and on Tuesday, September 24, 2024 at 6:30pm (also in the Chambers) for the "Final Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget and Millage Rate". There will be an opportunity to make public comments in both meetings.

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, and by signing up for Wilton Manors weekly eNews (emails) at <https://www.wiltonmanors.com/555/Get-In-Touch>, and clicking on "Sign Up for Our Weekly E-News".

Wilton Manors celebrates NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Tuesday, October 1, from 6-8p.m. at Hagen Park (2020 Wilton Drive)

National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances. Each year, the City of Wilton Manors and the Wilton Manors Police Department celebrate National Night Out—originally on the first Tuesday in August but now the first Tuesday of October. For more information please visit: <https://www.wiltonmanors.gov/305/National-Night-Out> or contact Officer Grande at ggrande@wmpd.org.

Vice Mayor Mike Bracchi-Thank You for Your Trust: The Importance of Voting in Wilton Manors



First and foremost, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to our entire community for reelecting me unopposed as your Commissioner for an additional four-year term. It is an honor to serve a community that believes in my vision and leadership. Your trust and support inspire me to continue working diligently for our vibrant city.

Democracy:

As we approach the fall months, it is crucial to emphasize the importance of participating in our democratic process by voting. Democracy in our community, state, and country is of utmost importance. Voting is not just a right but a responsibility that ensures our voices are heard and our needs are addressed. It is the foundation of our democracy and a powerful tool for shaping the future of our community.

Voting Options:

In Broward County, the Supervisor of Elections Office provides several convenient options for voting, including early voting and mail-in voting. Early voting allows you to cast your ballot ahead of Election Day, avoiding long lines and ensuring that your vote counts. For more information on early voting locations and times, please visit the Broward County Supervisor of Elections website at www.browardsoe.org.

Mail-in voting is another excellent option for those who prefer the convenience of voting from home. To request a mail-in ballot, you can visit the Broward County Supervisor of Elections website or call their office. It is important to note the new rules for mail-in ballots in Florida. As of the latest regulations, **voters must request a mail-in ballot every election cycle**. The request can be made online, by phone, or in person, but it must be received by the Supervisor of Elections no later than ten days before the election.

Here are the steps to request a mail-in ballot:

Visit www.browardsoe.org, navigate to the Vote-by-Mail section and complete the online request form with your personal information.

Alternatively, you can call the Supervisor of Elections office at (954) 357-VOTE (8683) to request a ballot over the phone or by email at: VBMrequest@BrowardVotes.gov.

Remember, **every vote matters**. Whether you choose to vote early, by mail, or in person on Election Day, your participation is vital to the health of our democracy. By voting, you contribute to the decision-making process that affects all aspects of our community, from public safety and infrastructure to education and local services. Let us come together and make our voices heard!

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 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!

CITY BANS STYROFOAM PRODUCTS ON CITY PROPERTY/FACILITIES



On June 11, 2024, the City Commission passed Ordinance No. 2024-002, prohibiting the use of polystyrene (Styrofoam-type) products on city property, within city facilities, and during special events on city property and within city facilities. These new regulations took effect on August 1, 2024. One key performance indicator of the City's 2021-2026 Strategic Plan is to decrease the community's overall carbon footprint to ensure that *Life's Just Better Here* not only today but, in the future, as well.

Ordinance 2024-002, along with supporting documents and the 6/11/24 Commission Meeting presentation "Creation and Establishment of Chapter 10, entitled 'Licenses, Permits and Business Regulations', Article XVI of the City's Code of Ordinances – Polystyrene Products", can be found in the attachment to the 6/11/24 Commission Meeting Agenda here: <https://wiltonmanorsfl.portal.civicclerk.com/event/1408/files/report/7338>.

Commissioner Chris Caputo—Measure Twice, Cut Once—Tips for a Smooth Home Renovation



As a homeowner, undertaking a significant renovation project can be both exciting and daunting. As a Commissioner, I am often called upon to assist when a permit seems to have stalled or when residents feel stuck in their project. While city staff are human and occasionally make mistakes, 19 out of 20 times the issue lies with the contractor. A quick look through the publicly available online paper trail often reveals where the problem originates.

Drawing from my experience as Commissioner and my own personal experience—my partner Roger and I are beginning our own home renovation—here are some tips for anyone about to embark on a similar journey:

1.) **Request a Pre-Meeting with Community Development Services:** The City is happy to offer a free phone or in-person meeting to review your plans, help you understand necessary permits, and provide insight into potential challenges and opportunities. While the city cannot recommend contractors, they can help verify if your contractor is licensed. They can also provide you with timelines for reviews and inspections.

2.) **Ensure Your Email Is Listed on the Permit Application:** The commission recently implemented a policy to email homeowners updates on their permits. However, some contractors may list their own email instead of yours. Ask for a copy of the application to ensure you're listed as a contact.

3.) **Regularly Review Your Permit Application Online:** All documents and comments are timestamped and available online. Verify that your contractor submitted items when they said they did. If it's not online, it wasn't submitted! Review Community Development Services' comments carefully, especially if you're denied or rejected, as these comments will explain why. Any time a review or inspection has taken longer than the timeline you were quoted, it likely means there is a problem identified (and noted in your file) that must be resolved.

Lastly, remember that Community Development Services, led by Roberta Moore, is here to help. Don't hesitate to reach out to them at (954) 390-2180 as you improve your home.

As always, I am here to help too! If you have any questions or concerns regarding the permit & inspection process — or anything related to the city — you can reach me at ccaputo@wiltonmanors.com.

Commissioner Don D'Arminio—The New Year's Budget/Rising Operating Costs



Much of what we love about Wilton Manors is attributable to being a small town where we have opportunities to build tight-knit relationships and share a sense of community. But living in a smaller town brings unique challenges in maintaining financial stability. Smaller cities like ours have limited resources and a smaller economy of scale. There are simply fewer taxpaying properties that share the expense of operating the city. While our property values continue to increase, so do our expenses. Only expenses & operating costs are increasing at much higher rates.

This year, our city is facing a millage (tax) rate increase because of increased operational costs. These rising costs of doing business include soaring insurance premiums (like all homeowners are experiencing), inflation impacting the costs of capital projects, and a highly-competitive labor market impacting personnel costs, and most importantly, the costs of maintaining our City's Police Force. A nationwide shortage of police officers is drastically driving up wages and we must remain competitive to keep our police officers. Public safety and maintaining our City's Police Force is and will always be my top priority!

Last year, for the first time in 10 years we reduced our city's employee headcount. This year's budget reflects an even deeper cut in city staff, as well as many other cost reductions. We simply need to do more with less.

New development is critical in ensuring the future sustainability of our city. The lack of redevelopment over the past dozen or so years has greatly contributed to our budget shortfalls, and the need to increase our city's tax rate.

New development brings in new tax dollars and new residents and property owners to share in supporting our city's operating costs. In the last year, Wilton Manors has only seen about \$11 million in new taxable value. Thankfully, updated land use regulations and zoning codes have improved the climate for redevelopment. Recently, I helped approve three new projects, including a much-needed boutique hotel, that will bring vibrancy and tourism to our city's economy. Together, these projects have an estimated construction cost of over \$185 million. There are a few more in the application pipeline, but these new projects will not pay taxes for at least two more years.

We need to continue to promote our city as a place to invest and redevelop. There is still so much potential for Andrews Avenue, and that corridor must remain a priority to revitalize and encourage redevelopment of obsolete buildings. The County is planning to complete several million dollars in roadway improvements on Andrews Ave., strengthening the foundation for revitalization.

We also need to further examine our city's Building Code to help facilitate redevelopment and increase our city's tax base. These types of changes can spur the growth we need to sustain our community and minimize any future tax increases.

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. As your City Commissioner, I stand WITH you, FOR you!

Commissioner Paul Rolli—Balancing Fiscal Responsibility and Public Safety



Wilton Manors is navigating a complex financial landscape, striving to balance fiduciary duties with the need to provide essential services and ensure resident safety. The city's approach to the 2024/2025 budget reflects this challenge. The property tax rate is expected to rise by about 0.06-0.07 mills, with the final rate to be confirmed in September.

A significant expense is payroll costs. Recent police officer departures, driven by higher wages elsewhere, better advancement opportunities, and areas with lower housing costs have highlighted the need to reassess police compensation—a major portion of the payroll budget.

Rising operating costs due to inflation, infrastructure repairs, and competitive labor markets have outpaced revenue growth. Declines in non-ad valorem (non-property) taxes and fees have further strained the budget, requiring a reevaluation of financial strategies. Despite increasing property values over the past decade, the operating tax millage rate has remained unchanged. The static rate combined with rising costs has reached a breakeven point, prompting the need for a millage rate increase.

Maintaining an independent Police Department (WMPD) remains a priority, but it requires a sustainable financial model. The anticipated millage rate increase aims to secure the necessary funds to support this essential service. High employee turnover, particularly within WMPD, underscores the need for competitive compensation to attract and retain skilled personnel. Negotiations with the police union are underway to address these challenges. There are no plans to outsource the WMPD and would require a voter referendum.

To manage costs, the city has eliminated under-enrolled before and after-school programs and frozen or eliminated 12 vacant positions. Efforts to reduce expenses also include negotiating lower software and health insurance costs and freezing fleet replacements.

A newly created Mobility & Transportation Fund, funded by parking revenues rather than property taxes, has led to a \$457,700 reduction in the General Fund. This fund will cover mobility-related expenses like sidewalks and bike lanes. A \$0.50/hour parking rate increase is also planned to support this fund.

Although efforts are being made to expand the tax base through new development, related revenues will not materialize for 3-4 years. In the interim, the millage rate increase is essential for maintaining critical services. Fort Lauderdale and Oakland Park kept their millage rate flat because over the last two years new construction increased their revenue by \$ 1.6 billion and \$ 350 million, respectively.

Continued development is crucial for increasing tax revenue, but it is not the sole solution. Finding innovative ways to deliver services and manage financial pressures will be vital for long-term stability and service quality. The city must explore automation, artificial intelligence, and program outsourcing as alternatives to traditional service delivery models.

For any questions or concerns, please contact me at 954-595-8865 or prolli@wiltonmanors.com. I am always available for a conversation.

Municipal Election—Tuesday, November 5

The purpose of the election is to elect a Mayor to a two-year term of office.

The two Commissioners ran unopposed and, therefore will serve a four-year term of office.

Important Dates:

October 7, 2024 Last day to register to vote for the General Election (Section 97.055, F.S. – Book Close: 29 days prior to day of the election)

October 24, 2024 Last day to request Vote-By-Mail Ballot

October 21- November 3, 2024 General Election Early Voting Period

November 5, 2024 ELECTION DAY

November 18, 2024 Election Certification by Broward Supervisor of Elections Office

QUALIFIED MAYORAL CANDIDATES (in alphabetical order): Mark E. Beigy Scott Newton Mike Sansevero

October 21- November 3, 2024 General Election Early Voting

Voting can take place at any of the Early Voting Locations throughout the County.

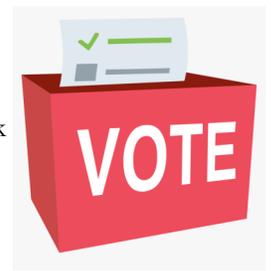
Island City Cultural Center is an Early Voting Location located in Wilton Manors. Hours: 10a.m.—7p.m.

Mail-in-Ballots can also be dropped off during this time.

November 5, 2024 ELECTION DAY

To vote you will have to go to your Designated Precinct. There are two in the City: Somerset Academy or Hagen Park Community Center. Refer to your Voter Registration or go to [BrowardVotes.gov](https://www.browardvotes.gov) to locate your precinct.

Hours: 7a.m.—7p.m.



WILTON DRIVE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

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

As we enter the Fall season of 2024, the Wilton Drive Improvement District is hard at work continuing efforts to achieve the strategic safety and economic goals set for the year. I am very proud to share that we have made significant achievements from implementing new lighting and landscaping initiatives, promoting walkability, pedestrian and cyclist safety to supporting the businesses by marketing Wilton Drive as an international destination.

Our goals for 2024 concentrate on two key focus areas: safety improvements and economic viability and attractiveness of the Drive. To address the area of safety, additional streetlights were acquired and installed to improve the pedestrian experience. Two additional crosswalks were installed along Wilton Drive to enhance safe crossing by pedestrians. One was located at Wilton Drive and NE 11th Avenue and the other at Wilton Drive and NE 8th Avenue. Wilton Drive is a thriving arts and entertainment area, known worldwide for the diverse and thriving nightlife, and these crosswalks are an important enhancement that will serve to provide safe access as visitors enjoy the businesses, restaurants and entertainment venues on the Drive.

To address the economic viability and attractiveness of Wilton Drive, our efforts and accomplishments this year include the following:

- Enhanced public relations and marketing campaigns to directly target digital branding for the Drive to increase tourism and pedestrian traffic to businesses.
- The installation of ‘donor’ brick pavers at Justin Flippen Park were completed recently to celebrate the generous contributors to the landscape enhancement project.
- The installation of “uplighting” for sidewalk trees and groundcover is underway.
- A new ‘selfie’ location was installed at the War Memorial located next to City Hall.
- All sidewalks on Wilton Dr. were power washed to provide for a clean and beautiful experience.
- A new bicycle repair station has been funded and will be installed at the north end of Wilton Dr. by the end of the year.
- Additional landscape improvements have been funded that include new landscaping along sidewalks and at medians.
- Ten new garbage receptacles have been added along the Drive and provisions made for pick up services 5 times a week.

The Wilton Drive Improvement District is proud to serve the businesses and the community of Wilton Manors with a continual focus on enhancing the visitor’s experience and promoting Wilton Drive as an arts and entertainment travel destination. As the WDID continues its mission, I welcome your input and ideas on how we can better serve the needs of the entertainment and business district. Please feel free to attend our meetings or reach out to me via email anytime, I look forward to meeting with you!

More information on the Wilton Drive Improvement District can be found on its website here: wiltondrive.org or on the City’s website here: <https://www.wiltonmanors.com/502/Wilton-Drive-Improvement-District>

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

Emergency Management/Utilities Division 954-390-2190

Ultra-Low Flow Toilet Rebate Program

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

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



All-America City Award Finalist

As our aspirations to bring home the 2024 All-America City Award come to an end, the City of Wilton Manors would like to congratulate this year's winners and more importantly thank our community, loyal volunteers, and dedicated staff for all the effort that resulted in Wilton Manors being honored as a finalist.



A delegation of fourteen volunteers traveled to Denver, Colorado on June 7th – 9th to present our application, in the form of a ten-minute performative presentation, to a group of ten judges. The delegation worked tirelessly for months to ensure Wilton Manors was represented in a way that would make our community proud. We thank them and our entire community for the support and well wishes!



As a finalist for the All-America City Award, the city has gained national recognition and prestige, which can attract new businesses, residents, and tourists to the area. This honor also brings increased visibility and credibility to the city's brand, highlighting its unique character and quality of life as a community where everyone is welcome. We are proud of our community and now the rest of the nation can see how proud we are too.

NPDES STORMWATER PROGRAM...*NEEDS YOUR HELP!*

Wilton Manors participates with Broward County and its other municipalities in the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System Stormwater Program in order to eliminate contaminated discharges into our waterways, thus protecting one of our most precious resources and one of the reasons we love South Florida! These 4 every-day guidelines make a positive impact on preserving our beautiful home environment:

Don't blow grass into street.

Clippings flowing into the stormwater drainage system not only clogs drains, but debris can rot before it reaches the waterways, which clouds water and causes foul odors. Please know, and inform your lawn maintenance staff, that it is a violation of Section 20-132 of the City's Code of Ordinances.



Clean up after pets.

Waste releases harmful bacteria which can be tracked by foot (even into your home!) and can wash into the waterways. Bacteria can cause a variety of illnesses in people and be very harmful to wildlife. Always bring a pet waste bag with you and dispose of properly.



Maintain roadside swales. These essential water pathways not only help keep water off the street, they act as filters before dirty surface water reaches the drain inlets leading to our canals.



Use Friendly Fertilizers and properly dispose of harmful chemicals.

Check fertilizer labels for proper content and never dispose of cleaning solutions, batteries, oil, electronics or other toxins in the environment. Call the Household Hazardous Waste At-Your-Door service at 954-947-4445 to schedule your special pick up.

Please visit NPDES Stormwater Program website at <https://floridadep.gov/water/stormwater> for details.

Emergency Management/Utilities Division 954-390-2190

GENERATOR SAFETY

Portable generators are useful when temporary or remote electric power is needed following a storm or other power outage event, but they also can be hazardous. Carbon monoxide poisoning, electric shock and fire are the primary causes of injury and death that stem from electrical generator use each year. This storm season, use your generator safely by following these simple tips:



1. Read all operating instructions and manufacturer warnings before using the equipment.
2. Always use generators outdoors, away from doors, windows, and vents.
3. NEVER use generators in homes, garages, basements, crawl spaces, or other enclosed or partially enclosed areas, even with ventilation.
4. If you are connecting a generator into your home electrical system, have a qualified electrician install an emergency power transfer system; or your utility company may be able to install an appropriate transfer switch.
5. Install carbon monoxide alarms in your home as a back-up safety feature; this will warn you of any harmful fumes that may seep in from exterior generator use.
6. Use only heavy-duty, outdoor extension cords to plug appliances directly into the generator. Make sure the entire extension cord is long enough for the whole distance to the generator as it is not advisable to use multiple extension cords. Also make sure the extension cord is free of cuts or tears, and the plug has all 3 prongs, especially a grounding pin.
7. Before use, inspect portable generators for any damage or loose fuel lines that may have occurred during transportation and/or handling.
8. Dry your hands before touching the generator.
9. NEVER plug a generator into a wall outlet as this can cause fatal electrocution to utility workers trying to repair lines, as well as others served by the same utility transformer.
10. Keep the generator dry by setting it on a covered, elevated surface (i.e., canopy-like structures).
11. Always store fuel outside of living areas in properly labeled, non-glass containers.
12. Before refueling the generator, turn it off and allow it to cool to prevent it from igniting the fuel.
13. Store fuel away from any fuel-burning appliances.

If your portable generator has been in storage:

- Check the oil and gas before starting.
- Start up the generator once a month to keep it in working condition and to be certain the battery hasn't died.
- At least once a year, clean the terminals and coat them with an anti-oxide grease to prevent corrosion.
- Always use clean gas and be sure no rain water or storm debris from previous season is in the fuel.
- Do not start the generator right after filling the tank if any gasoline has spilled onto the generator. Let the gas evaporate before starting.
- Let the generator run for several minutes before plugging in any appliance. For light loads, you can plug the appliance directly into the ground fault circuit interrupter receptacle. If you are using extension cords to run several appliances, plug them in at different times several minutes apart, never at the same time.



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*The Kiwanis Club of Wilton Manors has scholarship **MONEY** for YOU*

1.) If you went to **Wilton Manors Elementary** or **Somerset Academy**, you may be eligible for our scholarships to **ANY** college, university or Vocational Technical school **ANYWHERE** in the United States. Through our endowment at the Broward Educational Foundation, we award \$7,000/year distributed across multiple recipients. Go to: <https://browardedfoundation.org/apply/> and click on the Apply Online box. Applications accepted from January 1 – April 1 for the following Fall term.



2.) If you are a graduating high school senior from **ANY** Florida school (including Home & Virtual schools), we have endowed 2 scholarships each year through the Florida Kiwanis Foundation. ***** Wilton Manors residents have priority in the selection process***** Click on this link: <https://floridakiwanisfoundation.org/scholarships/> and then scroll down to:

- **The Wilton Manors Kiwanis Scholarship for Broward College**
Any major at Broward College. The award is \$1,000 for the year – Deadline is May 1.

- **Friends of The Wilton Manors Kiwanis Scholarship**
Any major at any Florida college or university. The award is \$1,500 for the year – Deadline is May 1.

3.) If you are going to **Broward College**, we have established 5 scholarships, awarded every year in the following categories:

- ◆ Safety Officers/Police
- ◆ Nursing
- ◆ Paramedics/EMS
- ◆ Any major
- ◆ GSA (Gay Straight Alliance) Club Participant – Any major

Click on: <https://www.broward.edu/admissions/financial-aid/scholarships/>

Awards are at least \$1,000/ year. ***** Wilton Manors residents have priority in the selection process***.** Deadlines are May 1 for the Fall classes, and October 1 for the Spring classes.



ATTENTION TEACHERS



Teachers at **Wilton Manors Elementary** and **Somerset Academy** – we have endowed annual grants for you too, through the Broward Educational Foundation, approximately \$6,000/year. For teacher grant questions, call Coco Burns o: 754-321-2032 or go here: <https://browardedfoundation.org/what-we-do/educators/teacher-innovation-grants/>.

For follow up questions, call Adrienne Foland c: 954-205-6594.

Kiwaniis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time.

Community Development Services (CDS) Department 954-390-2180

Newly Adopted Flood Maps

2024 Flood Zone Maps went into effect on July 31, 2024. You can search for your property on the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s (FEMA) interactive map at (<https://msc.fema.gov/>) to review flood designations for Wilton Manors addresses. Enter your address to bring up a map with flood risk information specific to your address. To print the map, click on "Dynamic Map" just above the map. If you need assistance, please contact the Community Development Services Department at 954-390-2180.

Building Permits

Building permits and inspections are made to protect the present and future owners of the structure. Building permits reduce potential hazards of unsafe construction for public safety, health and welfare. Work done improperly could result in fires or other property damage. Doors and windows that do not meet code or are installed incorrectly, could fail in hurricane force winds, exposing your home to physical damage.

Building permits are required when:

- Constructing buildings and other structures.
- Installing, replacing, and/or altering doors, windows, fences, pools, garage doors, screen enclosures, and driveways.
- Relocating plumbing fixtures; replacing water heaters, sewer, water lines (within the building), gas supply systems; changing water lines from the meter to the home and installation of lawn sprinkler systems.
- Installing new electrical boxes, electrical service upgrades, extending/adding wiring for new receptacles and lighting.
- Installing, altering, replacing or any other major repair of any air conditioning, refrigeration, boiler, pressure vessel, and other mechanical systems.

The above list is not all inclusive, please contact the Community Development Department at 954-390-2180 if you have specific questions relating to a project you are planning or are working on.

Please verify contractor licenses at 1-866-532-1440 or www.MyFloridaLicense.com.

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, then “Online Services” (<http://www.wiltonmanors.com/248/Online-Services>). If you have any questions or need assistance with online building permitting, please call 954-390-2180 or email at CDSinfo@wiltonmanors.com.

Please welcome these new businesses that opened
May, June & July 2024:

	<u>Address</u>	<u>Business Name</u>
May:	2230 Wilton Drive	Java Joes
	40 E Oakland Park Blvd	The Smoke Shop
	2666 N Dixie Hwy	Amaan Motors
	20-22 E Oakland Park Blvd	DKB Fit LLC
	2424 Wilton Dr	The Well on the Drive
June:	2690 N Andrews Ave	Aroma Joes
July:	520 NE 20 St 1001	Taylor C Mugavin
	1913 N Andrews Ave	Island Cuisine Restaurant LLC
	1881 NE 26 St 204	Liangs Integrative Medicine of Acupuncture LLC
	2038 N Dixie Hwy 101-104B	AHF Wellness Pride Center

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. 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.

CHECK OUT OUR ONLINE SERVICES

VISIT
WILTONMANORS.COM TO:

- > Business Tax Receipts
- > Child Care Program Registrations
- > Code Compliance Fines
- > Dog Park Registrations
- > Fitness Center Memberships
- > Garage Sale Permits
- > Library Fines
- > Lien Searches
- > Pavilion & Athletic Field Rentals
- > Pay Parking Citations
- > Public Records Requests

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

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

Make payments for utility bills, Leisure Services Programs, Parking Citations, 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

Access our new PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST PORTAL by visiting:

<https://cityofwiltonmanorsfl.nextrequest.com>

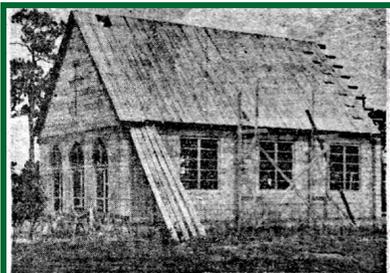
A brief chronology of Wilton Manors' first church—Covenant Presbyterian

It began as a non-sectarian, community-outreach ministry of Bethany Presbyterian Church—for the burgeoning post-war families moving to Wilton Manors and Highland Estates. The first services were held in **1948** at the *Highland Estates Community House* (a few blocks from now-ICPP). A year later the new ministry was officially recognized as **Covenant Presbyterian Church**; and members began planning a permanent multi-structure church campus. Mayor Dave Turner donated the land; adjacent to the site of the Village Hall. The Chapel building was completed in **1950**—primarily through donations and volunteer labor. With continued growth, a Sunday School building (now Fellowship Hall) was added in **1951**. It took until **1958** for the main Sanctuary building to be completed.

But over-time Covenant's membership and funding declined. By **2012** its Trustees decided to disband the congregation. They offered to donate the property to various local ministries that were without a permanent home. The **New Presbyterian Church** was selected. It took New Presbyterian several years to refurbish/remodel the campus to meet their needs. An early project was to return the Chapel to its original 1950-look. Among other things, this included removing a modern drop ceiling and restoring the elaborate, handcrafted beam ceiling and chandeliers—as shown below. We commend their historic restoration and preservation efforts!

For more history and images, download our *Covenant Presbyterian mini-archive* at:

<https://tinyurl.com/CovenantPres>



(Daily News photo by Phil Weidling)
COMMUNITY SPIRIT is responsible for construction work being done on the new Presbyterian church in Wilton Manors. The church has been adopted as a community project and benefits have been held to raise funds. In addition to this, many of the residents have contributed much of their spare time to actual construction work.

WILTON MANORS - HIGHLAND ESTATES
COMMUNITY CHURCH
Announces A New Schedule
Sunday School
9:45 - 10:45 A. M.
Church
7:30 - 8:30 P. M.
EVERY SUNDAY
CLASSES FOR ALL AGES
HIGHLAND ESTATES
COMMUNITY HOUSE
Corner N. E. 5th Avenue & 27th St.
Everyone Is Invited





WILTON MANORS POLICE DEPARTMENT



Life's Just Better Here

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

From Chief Gary Blocker: Team WMPD's Commitment to Serving You!



Dear members of the Wilton Manors community,

Our commitment to provide public safety services through the Wilton Manors Police Department (WMPD) remains unchanged. Any notion that the WMPD may be absorbed by, or outsourced to, any other agency is false.

Over the past month, we have filled four vacancies, currently have four vacancies, and one pending vacancy is expected later this month. Two of the vacancies are frozen positions (will not be filled). Despite the nationwide trend associated with recruiting and retaining police officers, we will fill these vacancies. We will not shortcut or change our hiring practices. Our commitment to bring qualified candidates to our team who have the right passion and compassion to serve our Island City will not be compromised. With the help of Human Resources, we have successfully been increasing our applicant pool.

In the interim, while we are recruiting and hiring new officers, we are assessing the potential need for supplemental services such as traffic safety, patrol, and traffic management. In the event this is needed, we will ask for assistance from our long-standing partner, the Fort Lauderdale Police Department (FLPD), to provide these temporary services. Our partnership with the FLPD dates back to the late 70's. They already provide our city with specialized services in SWAT, Bomb Squad, and patrol canine. Additionally, we have temporarily reassigned our school resource officer to patrol. As required, the School Board will staff Wilton Manors Elementary School with an armed "Guardian." We will maintain immediate radio connectivity with this "Guardian" in the event our assistance is needed to any degree.

I must reassure you that in the event of a large-scale emergency, the WMPD along with every other police force in our county, remains part of a standard county-wide mutual aid agreement. If immediate public safety resources are needed to address a critical incident they will be provided.

In closing, I would be remiss if I didn't issue a special thank you to the professionals of our police department who remain committed to serving and protecting the community they love. Officers have understood and handled with professionalism the need for reassignments, they have rearranged their vacation schedules, and our field training officers are passionately training new officers. Our union representatives, supervisors, and all staff continue to assist command staff with ensuring officer safety, health, and wellness remain a priority. It is clear their devotion to the law enforcement profession remains unwavering as prioritizing public safety is our first mission. Thank you for doing your part to support us while we take the time and do the work we need to do to fill these vacancies. We have published a Frequently Asked Questions page on the City's website (<https://bit.ly/WMPDRecruitmentFAQs>) to keep you informed on our progress.

Sincerely, Chief Gary Blocker—Wilton Manors Police Department

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>



National Night Out was 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>

LEISURE SERVICES 954-390-2130

Upcoming Programs & Events

ISLAND CITY-WIDE YARD SALES

The City of Wilton Manors will sponsor five City-Wide Yard Sales located at Hagen Park Community Center. Yard sales will be held on the first Saturday of November 2024 and the second Saturdays of December 2024 through March 2025. Yard sale hours are 8a.m.—2p.m. Parking is free for shoppers. Vendors sell linens, clothes, furniture, home decorative items and more. Some vendors specialize in antiques, plants and collectables.

For space reservations, fees and more information, please call the Leisure Services Department 954-390-2130

Yard Sale Dates: (the November date was changed to accommodate the Tropical Plant Fair (11/9-10—see next article)

Saturdays: November 2, 2024 December 14, 2024 January 11, 2025 February 8, 2025 March 8, 2025

Sale Location & Registration: Hagen Park Community Center (2020 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors 33305)

TROPICAL PLANT FAIR—PRESENTED BY EQUALITY GARDEN CLUB

The Fair will include more than 40 plant vendors from around the state showcasing outstanding plants and related accessories. Industry professionals, amateur gardeners, and plant lovers are invited to attend this signature event. No pets will be allowed, since the park is a nature preserve.

For more information visit: <https://www.equalitygardenclub.com/events>

Richardson Historic Park & Nature Preserve 1937 Wilton Drive

Saturday, November 9 9a.m. to 5p.m. Sunday, November 10 9a.m. to 3p.m.

19TH ANNUAL TASTE OF THE ISLAND

19th Annual Wilton Manors
TASTE OF THE ISLAND
Monday, November 11, 2024



Monday, November 11, 2024 6p.m. Admission Gate Entry

8p.m. Admission Gate Closes (event time: 6-9p.m.)

Richardson Historic Park and Nature Preserve

1937 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors 33305

“An evening of food and libation in the Island City”

Taste of the Island is an evening of food and libation featuring local elite food and beverage establishments and spotlighting their culinary and beverage specialties at Wilton Manors’ acclaimed outdoor tasting event. Now in its 19th year, “Taste” welcomes everyone in our community and South Florida to join together to explore the wide range of culinary delicacies available in our area. For tickets (currently on sale) or more information please visit: <http://www.tasteoftheisland.org>

MOVIE @ MICKEL—THE HALLOWEEN EDITION



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. **Show starts promptly at 7p.m.** at Mickel Park, 2675 NW 7th Ave.

Friday October 18, 2024

Can you survive *Five Nights at Freddy's*?

Join us for a spooky movie night featuring this video game series brought to life.



OUTFIT TRAINING VAN

OutFit is an innovative mobile fitness service that brings convenient, affordable, expertly-led personal training and group fitness to parks and neighborhoods across America.

When: Mondays & Wednesdays Where: Richardson Park (1937 Wilton Drive)

Contact: OutFit Training Customer Service at 954-760-6414 or <https://outfittraining.com>

LEISURE SERVICES 954-390-2130

MORE ADULT & SENIOR PROGRAMS

Be sure to join us for one of our regular recurring programs such as:

Chair Volleyball on Tuesdays from 1p.m. to 2p.m. classes are free and held at the Hagen Park Community Center

“Brains and Balance Past 60” program, Wednesdays, 10-11a.m., Wilton Manors residents are FREE (with proof of residency)/Non-Residents \$3—Hagen Park Community Center

Reiki Circle, Thursdays, 7-9p.m., \$20 per class—Island City Cultural Center (600 NE 21st Court)

Ping Pong, Tuesdays, 9-11a.m., FREE, Hagen Park Community Center

Square Dancing, Tuesdays & Thursdays, 6:30-9p.m., \$5 per class, Richardson Historic Park (1937 Wilton Drive)

Fitness Boot Camp, Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays: 7-8p.m.; Tuesdays & Thursdays 1-2p.m.; Saturdays 8-9a.m.;

& Sundays 8:30-9:30a.m. Cost is \$10 per class or \$50 per 6-class punch card. Held at Mickel Park (2675 NW 7th Ave)

Find more information on our website: <https://www.wiltonmanors.gov/855/Programming>, or call 954-390-2130

CHILDREN/YOUTH PROGRAMS

SCHOOL DAYS OUT

School Days Out Programs are held on days that school has been scheduled out of session due to a holiday or specific school board function. A field trip or special activity will be a part of the participants day. All participants will go on a fun-filled trip, enjoy indoor and outdoor activities, games and much more! Fees include all activities, trip, lunch and an afternoon snack. Register at Hagen Park Community Center or call (954)390-2130.

Dates for the 2024/2025 School Year

Thursday, October 3, 2024 Monday, October 14, 2024 Tuesday,, November 5, 2024

Monday, November 25, 2024 Tuesday, November 26, 2024 Wednesday, November 27, 2024

KIDS NIGHT OUT—6P.M.—8P.M.

No parents allowed! This is an activity that invites children in grades K-5th to come enjoy some exciting activities including but not limited to movies, paint parties, holiday fun and more. This activity is \$25 per child. Register at Hagen Park, 2020 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors 33305.

Dates: Friday, September 27, 2024 Friday, October 25, 2024 Friday December 20, 2024

KIDS FITNESS CLASS

This class is designed to incorporate fun ways for your children to stay active. Your child will get their bodies up and moving. Classes include circuit training, physical fitness and outdoor games. This class is held on Mondays and Wednesdays at Island City Park Preserve, 7pm-8pm. Classes are \$10 per student/per session. Registration Location: Hagen Park Community Center- 2020 Wilton Drive. 954-390-2130.

Class Location: Island City Park Preserve- 823 NE 28th Street

WILTON MANORS TEEN CLUB

Wilton Manors Teen Club provides a safe and fun space to empower teens with the core values of leadership, accountability, and a heart for service. Program includes trips, gaming, cultural arts, volunteer opportunities, and college and career readiness.

When: Tuesdays & Thursdays 6p.m.-7p.m. August 27th to June 3rd.

Where: Hagen Park, 2020 Wilton Drive

Contact: Program & Facility Supervisor Wilvens Eliodor 954-390-2175 or email weliodor@wiltonmanors.com

LEISURE SERVICES 954-390-2130

Upcoming Programs & Events



Wicked Manors

ISLAND OF MISFIT TOYS

Thursday, October 31, 2024

Toys might be for kids, but trust us, this event is anything but child's play.

The City of Wilton Manors is a proud sponsor of The Pride Center at Equality Park's annual Wicked Manors event. The theme this year is Island of Misfit Toys. Toys might be for kids, but trust us, this event is anything but child's play. Wicked Manors, a Halloween Celebration founded in 2007, once again returns to Wilton Drive under the production of The Pride Center at Equality Park in collaboration with The City of Wilton Manors. The iconic block party happens every Halloween (October 31st) and benefits the vital programs and services of The Pride Center. It will take place from 6p.m. to 11p.m. and stretches from NE 21st Court to N. Dixie Highway. Traffic is blocked off to provide a safe space for costumed guests to celebrate and enjoy the revelries.

Wicked Manors will be a CASHLESS event at all Entrances, VIPs, and Pride Center Bars.

For more information on the event, how to volunteer, be an event sponsor, or pre-purchase tickets, visit The Pride Center's Wicked Manors event website at:

<https://www.wickedmanors.org>



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.

We are stronger together, committed to preserving the staples of a vibrant and thriving community through green spaces, supporting any and all opportunities for people to be active and healthy, and believe free parks, education, and libraries are the great equalizers in our society!

MORE Upcoming HOLIDAY Programs & Events



THE LIBRARY CORNER

500 NE 26th Street

954-390-2195

Did you know your Richard C. Sullivan Public Library of Wilton Manors . . .

- has a collection of over 35,000 books, movies and more each individually selected by informed Wilton Manors Library staff (and Library patron recommendations) specifically tailored to the information, learning and enjoyment needs of your community
 - provides access to NewsBank – a database of hundreds of newspapers across America - for all Library cardholders via the Library website
 - is a member of the Southeast Florida Library Information Network (SEFLIN), facilitating access to thousands of e-books, e-magazines, and e-audiobooks available to all Library card-holders
 - has 12 patron computers with Internet access, Microsoft Office suite, children’s learning programs, plus free Wi-fi and in-person information services available by simply asking Library staff
 - provides you with the opportunity to learn a new language or brush up on your second language skills via Mango Languages – an interactive online learning platform that, with your Library card, allows you to track your progress, set goals and become a fluent speaker of any one - or more - of dozens of languages
 - hosts dozens of children’s programs each year including story times, Read-to-a-Dog, LEGO Club, holiday events, Summer Reading Club with contests and live shows, and much more
 - hosts monthly meetings of the “Island City Book Club,” open to anyone who loves to read, socialize and discuss each month’s selection of a book chosen by club members themselves
 - is a proud host of the Friends of the Wilton Manors Library-sponsored lecture series, bringing you at least 4 guest speaker presentations per year across various educational and relevant topics
 - is a proud partner in the Wilton Manors Police Department’s “Safe Place” program, where youth and others nervous about reporting a hate crime or in need of help and/or referrals to other agencies shall find safe harbor
 - encourages tutors and their students to meet and use our spaces, learning resources, and services to help learners of all ages achieve their academic goals
 - has been a proudly independent City library, supported by and tailored to the needs of Wilton Manors residents and visitors since 1957
- . . . and so much more!



We are pleased to serve this community and are confident in both the value we bring and the support we shall continue to have from our residents and visitors! For further information regarding our programs, resources and services please call and/or visit our website: 954 390-2195 www.wiltonmanors.gov/Library

Library Hours: Monday: 9:30 a.m.—5:30 p.m. Friday: 9:30 a.m.—5:30 p.m.
 Tuesday: 9:30 a.m.—5:30 p.m. Saturday: 9:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
 Wednesday: 12 p.m.—8:00 p.m. Sunday & designated holidays: Closed
 Thursday: 9:30 a.m.—5:30 p.m.



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY—LECTURE SERIES CONTINUES

The Friends of the Wilton Manors Library will hold its next lecture **Friday, October 18th, from 6:30-8p.m., in the library at 500 N.E. 26th Street.** Speakers from AARP will be hosting their **AARP FRAUD PREVENTION** lecture. The AARP Fraud Watch Network is working to empower you in the fight against identity theft with proven resources and tools to help you spot and avoid ID theft and fraud. Join AARP representatives David Rutter and Donald Harman to learn the latest data on fraud trends and receive tips and resources to protect yourself and your family.

The Friends will also be holding their next Book Event at the City’s November Yard Sale (Saturday, November 9th from 8a.m.—2p.m. in the City Hall Parking Lot). Hope to see you there!

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:

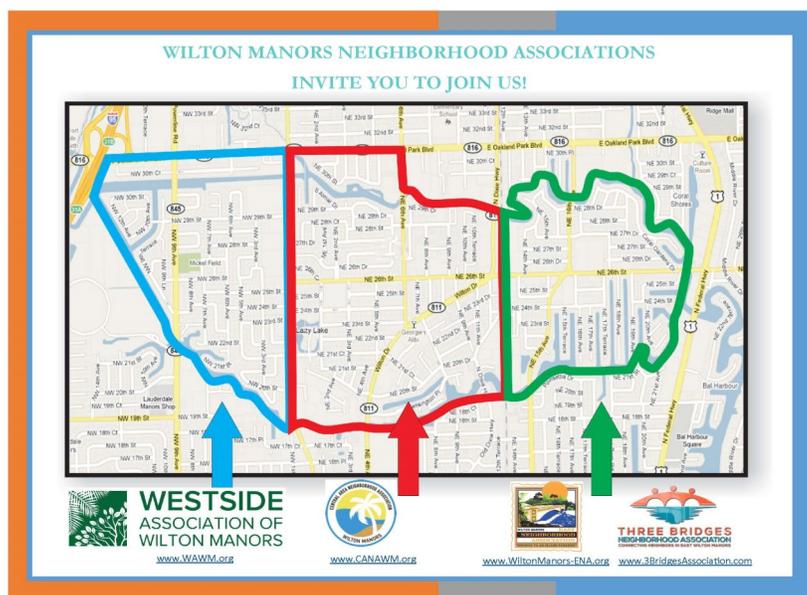
<https://www.wiltonmanors.com/221/Boards-Committees>—each Board webpage has a link to its own application.

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

Neighborhood Associations

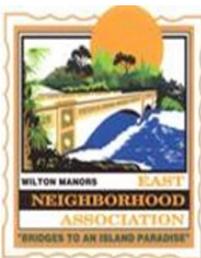
You can visit all four of the City’s Neighborhood Associations’ websites from links on the City website’s Neighborhood Associations webpage here: <https://www.wiltonmanors.gov/327/Neighborhood-Associations>

The Westside Neighborhood Association (WAWM) covers the city-area west of Andrews Avenue; the Central Neighborhood Association (CANA) is the area between Andrews Avenue and the railroad tracks; and the city-area east of the railroad tracks has the option of two neighborhood associations, the East Neighborhood Association (ENA) and/or the 3-Bridges Neighborhood Association (you are welcome to join BOTH of these associations if you choose to do so). All four associations are joining with the Wilton Manors Business Association to host the **Wilton Manors Mayor’s Candidate Forum on October 2nd at 7p.m. in the Hagen Park Community Center**. Since the event is limited to 160 people, tickets are available through this link:



<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/wiltonmanorsbusinessassociation/1355480>. Tickets will guarantee entry to the forum if you arrive by 6:50p.m. At 6:50p.m., any remaining seats will be given to anyone that does not have a ticket.

WILTON MANORS EAST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION



The East Neighborhood Association of Wilton Manors (ENA) will be having its next meeting on **Thursday, September, 19th at 7p.m.** We meet at Independence Hall on NE 26th Street in their meeting room. This meeting will include a presentation from Lennar about their proposed development of the church property on NE 26th Street and NE 15th Ave. They want to construct a high-end 50 unit 2 and 3 story townhouse development. In addition, we will hear from our Mayor, the Police, and Code Enforcement about what is happening in our neighborhood. Also, all candidates running for Mayor are invited to attend and make brief comments. On Saturday, September 21, at 10a.m., we will have our quarterly NE 26th Street Clean-up. Everyone meets at the Board of Realtors and walks up and down NE 26th Street picking up trash and litter. Please join us to help keep our neighborhood clean. Finally, ENA will be participating with the other 3 neighborhood associations to host the Wilton Manors Mayor’s Candidate Forum on October 2nd at 7p.m. in the Hagen Park Community Center. Please attend to hear from the 3 candidates who are running for Mayor of Wilton Manors. If you have any questions about ENA or our neighborhood, please call me at 954-564-3821 or e-mail me at jrfiorefla@gmail.com
 – John Fiore, President, East Neighborhood Association, Inc.

Neighborhood Associations—Continued



WESTSIDE
ASSOCIATION OF WILTON MANORS

The Westside Association held its Summer Quarterly Membership Meeting on July 24th. Our President, Shawn Walsh, chaired the meeting, which was attended by 50+ Members and Friends of the Westside. We welcomed Aroma Joe's owner Marissa McKenna, who shared samples and spoke about her business. The meeting agenda also included Broward County Commissioner Robert McKinzie (District 8), with representatives from the following Broward County Departments: Parks and Recreation, Public Works, and Transportation. They presented updates to issues raised at the April Westside Membership Meeting and will return with more updates in the future. Finally, WMPD provided the latest city-wide statistics. Thank you to everyone who attended!

The City's Emergency Management/Utilities Department is expecting final resolution from FDOT regarding the only pending issue from the NW 29th Street Project. The concern is the height of the raised intersections. We will keep our Membership apprised as we receive updates.

The Westside Association is thrilled to announce the completion of Round 2 installations of Westside Banners around the neighborhood. We are grateful to our banner sponsors, who have made this project possible. For additional information, including names of sponsors and banner locations, please visit our home page (www.wawm.org).

Save the Date: October 10th, for our Westside Fall Social Event. Please be on the lookout for the invitation with additional information and RSVP.

Our last Westside General Membership Meeting of 2024 will be held October 23rd at Hagen Park Community Center. Please save the date and look for details in our Newsletters and on our, Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/WestsideWilton>).

Have you seen something unique or interesting on the Westside? We are always looking for photos to share. Send your submissions to wawm.org@gmail.com and you could be featured on our home page, Facebook, and/or Newsletters.



Message from Central Area Neighborhood Association—CANA

While the subject of upcoming residential and hotel developments has been a popular topic, the reasons why the city has planned for the future increases of income comes into focus. Our city is required to maintain a balanced budget. City staff and our elected officials have been responsibly planning to maintain our quality of life. Infrastructural projects including new lift stations to process rainwater and wastewater, roadway improvements, and city park improvements are under way. There are also county surtax projects including the work on N. Andrews and federal projects including the replacement of the northern N. Andrews bridge with which city staff interface. CANA will be co-hosting (along with the city's other neighborhood associations and WMBA) a candidates' forum for the mayoral position on Wednesday, October 2nd at Hagen Park at 7p.m.

CANA is focused on following all upcoming infrastructural and redevelopment, engaging our community, and communicating updates via our Facebook page, quarterly meetings, and additional direct communications.

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

<https://www.canawm.org/>

Email: membership@canawm.org



For information about the Three Bridges Neighborhood Association, representing the east-side of Wilton Manors, please visit their website (3bridgesassociation.com), their Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100070593710645>), or their Facebook Group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/3064694530525474>).

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



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<p>13th Annual ISLAND CITY JURIED ART EXHIBITION Art Intake: 9/14 Opening & Awards: Sept 21 at 6 PM Rules & Entry Form @artgallery21.org</p>	<p>HeARTsong The Art Life of Carolyn Lindsay 1929 - 2021 Exhibit Opening November 16th 6 to 8 PM</p>	<p>The Winner's Show Exhibit Opening December 14th 6 to 8 PM</p>
<p>Gold Coast Watercolor Society Exhibit Opening January 18th 6 to 8 PM</p>	<p>The Art of the Quilt Featuring the work of Gary Hancock Exhibit Opening February 15th 6 to 8 PM</p>	<p>American Pen Women Exhibit Opening March 15th 6 to 8 PM</p>
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