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Your Guide To What's Happening In The Island City

Winter 2024/2025



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City Hall.....	954-390-2100	Risk Management.....	954-390-2126
City Clerk.....	954-390-2123	Leisure Services	
Mayor and City Commission.....	954-390-2123	Library.....	954-390-2195
City Manager.....	954-390-2120	Parks Division.....	954-390-2115
Community Development.....	954-390-2180	Recreation Division.....	954-390-2130
Finance Department.....	954-390-2141	Police Department	
Utilities Billing.....	954-390-2145	Administration.....	954-390-2150
Fire/EMS Administration.....	954-390-2110	Code Enforcement.....	954-390-2151
Fire Rescue*.....	954-764-4357	Non-Emergency Dispatch.....	954-764-4357
(*Ft Lauderdale non-emergency)		Police/Fire/EMS Emergency.....	911
Human Resources.....	954-390-2125	Utilities/Emergency Management.....	954-390-2190



CALENDAR Highlights

Regular Commission Meetings: City Commission Chambers, 7pm:

Tuesday, December 10
(There is NO 12/24 meeting.)

Tuesday, January 14 & 28

Tuesday, February 11 & 25

City offices closed:

Christmas Day
Wednesday, December 25

New Year's Day
Wednesday, January 1

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Monday, January 20

Presidents' Day
Monday, February 17

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	Fire/Reg Pension	P&Z	Rec. Adv.	Library	WDID	Finance Advisory
7p.m.	4:30/5:30p.m.	7p.m.	6p.m.	Advisory 6p.m.	5p.m.	6:30p.m.
Wed 4-Dec	Tues 3-Dec	Mon 9-Dec	Wed 11-Dec	Mon 27-Jan	Wed 12-Feb	Budget Review
Wed 8-Jan	Meets	Mon 13-Jan	Wed 19-Feb	Meets	Meets	Quarterly Meeting:
Wed 5-Feb	Quarterly	Mon 10-Feb	Every 2 Months	Quarterly	Quarterly	Mon 3-Feb

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

SCHEDULE FOR BULK TRASH AND RECYCLING

NORTH/WEST regular garbage pickup days are **Monday & Thursday**, and your bulk trash days are: **Monday, December 16, January 20, and February 17**

SOUTH/EAST regular garbage pickup days are **Tuesday & Friday**, your bulk trash days are: **Tuesday, December 17, January 21, and February 18**

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

Condominium bulk pickup (quarterly): December 21.

There are no holiday cancellation days in 2024.

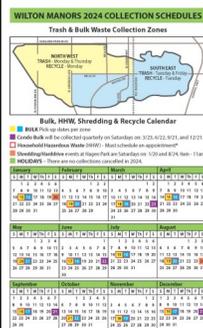
Call 954-947-4445 10 days in advance to schedule household hazardous waste pickup.



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.

2025 TRASH COLLECTION SCHEDULE MAGNET



During the month of December the City's **2025 Collection Schedule Magnet** will be mailed out to residential service addresses. The magnet includes collections for Trash, Recycling, Bulk pick-up and Household Hazardous Waste identified by North-West and South-East zones, as well as dates for the City's two shredding events and quarterly condominium bulk pick-ups. The residential bulk pick-up dates are shown by month and are color coded to your Collection Zone. **There are no changes to the routes or day of pick up.** If you do not receive your magnet, please contact the Utilities Department at 954-390-2190. For information on multi-family apartment/condominium and commercial property collections, please contact Utility Billing at 954-390-2145.

Message from Mayor Scott Newton—Thank You For Your Support



I want to express my heartfelt thanks for the trust you have placed in me by reelecting me as your Mayor. Your confidence inspires me, and I am excited to share my goals for this final term in office. Together, we will continue to improve our vibrant, welcoming community that reflects our shared values.

First and foremost, I am committed to maintaining our small-town sensibility. It is vital that everyone feels welcome here, regardless of background. Our diversity is one of our greatest strengths, and fostering an inclusive environment will remain a top priority.

To support our local economy, I will work diligently to ensure that the development applications currently in the pipeline are successfully realized. These projects will not only enhance our community but also help expand our tax base, which is essential for sustainable municipal budgets in the future. A key focus of my administration will be encouraging mixed-use redevelopment along our major corridors. This strategy will create spaces that promote both residential and commercial growth, further enriching our community while boosting our economic resilience.

In alignment with our Transportation Master Plan, I aim to make our city more pedestrian-friendly. By executing the planned projects, we will create safer, more accessible routes for all residents and visitors, promoting healthier lifestyles and reducing our carbon footprint.

Speaking of sustainability, I will continue our efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and strengthen our infrastructure against climate-related threats, including severe weather and heat. It is important for the city to lead by example and encourage both residents and businesses to adopt eco-friendly practices.

I am also committed to ensuring that our city continues to achieve a perfect score of 100 on the Human Rights Campaign’s Municipal Equality Index, as we have for the eleventh consecutive year. Equity and justice are cornerstones of our community, and I will champion policies that reflect these values.

To support the safety and efficiency of our city, I will work to protect and strengthen our police force and city staff by ensuring they receive competitive wages. A well-supported workforce is essential for maintaining the high standards of service our residents deserve.

Lastly, I will remain dedicated to keeping your property taxes as low as possible while still providing the necessary services that enhance our quality of life.

Thank you once again for your support. I look forward to the opportunities that lie ahead and to working together to achieve our shared vision for our community. Please reach out to me any time at 954-390-2123 or 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, 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”.

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.

Vice Mayor Mike Bracchi-Wilton Manors: A Place of Pride and Progress



I am deeply honored to have been re-elected to serve as your City Commissioner for another four years. Running unopposed is a humbling reminder of your trust in my leadership and our shared vision for Wilton Manors. I am grateful to continue this journey with you, building on the work we've accomplished together and pushing forward on initiatives that make our city the safe, inclusive, and vibrant community we all love.

I want to take a moment to congratulate my fellow Commissioner, Chris Caputo, who was also re-elected unopposed. Together, we will continue to represent the interests of all Wilton Manors residents, ensuring that every voice is heard. Additionally, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to Mayor Scott Newton, who won re-election in a landslide victory. The overwhelming support for Mayor Newton is a testament to the hard work and dedication he brings to his role, along with the trust residents have in his leadership. It's clear that our community appreciates the direction we're taking as a city, and that's something we can all be proud of.

Wilton Manors is not just a city; it's a sanctuary for LGBTQ+ individuals, a place of unity and pride in a state that doesn't always offer such unwavering support. Here, in our community, we stand as a beacon of inclusivity and love. We are fortunate to be a city that celebrates diversity and champions the rights of all people to live authentically and openly. I am committed to ensuring that Wilton Manors remains a safe haven for LGBTQ+ individuals and families.

We have made tremendous strides in protecting and uplifting our community, but there is still work to be done. Over the next four years, I pledge to fight tirelessly for LGBTQ+ rights and protections. I will continue to work with my fellow commissioners to advance policies that support equal rights, protect against discrimination, promote LGBTQ+ owned businesses, and create an environment where all residents and visitors feel safe and valued. In Wilton Manors, we embrace every individual, celebrate each person's unique identity, and refuse to allow intolerance to take root in our community.

Our city's future is bright, and our commitment to equality, inclusion, and progress will guide us forward. Thank you for the privilege of serving you. Together, we will continue to build a stronger, safer, and more inclusive Wilton Manors—where every resident, regardless of who they are or who they love, is proud to call home!

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, 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 and I appreciate everyone's feedback! Our residents are why "*Life's Just Better Here.*" Please know that I am listening intently to all of your comments and care about our community just as much as you!

Commissioner Chris Caputo—The Winter “Season”



December is truly the most magical time in Wilton Manors! Our city comes alive with more events this month than any other, and while we buzz with activities all year long, December holds a special place in our hearts. It's when we come together to celebrate our rich culture and the holiday spirit that makes our community so special.

We kick off the month on December 1st with the World AIDS Day Vigil. This meaningful event brings us together to honor and remember those affected by HIV/AIDS, reflecting the compassionate and inclusive spirit of Wilton Manors. Then, on December 5th, the Holiday Lighting Ceremony transforms Justin Flippen Park into a festive wonderland, officially marking the start of the holiday season.

The celebrations continue on December 9th with the WMBA Holiday Spectacular—a lively gathering that's perfect for enjoying holiday cheer with friends and neighbors. If you're on the hunt for unique gifts, don't miss the Island City Yard Sale on December 14th, where you can find treasures while supporting our local vendors.

One of my personal favorites is "Santa by Sea" on December 18th. Seeing Santa Claus arrive by boat and circle our "Island City" is a fun and unique twist on the traditional Santa visit that delights both kids and adults alike!

Music lovers, mark your calendars for the Holiday Concert at Mickel Park on December 20th. This free event fills the air with festive tunes that are sure to get you in the holiday mood. And to top it all off, Winter Wonderland on December 21st immerses us in a magical world filled with holiday decorations and activities for the whole family.

But the fun doesn't stop in December! As we move into the New Year, we keep the excitement going with Movies on the Drive, more Island City Yard Sales, Live Music at Mickel Park and Rock the Block. There's always something happening in our vibrant community—no matter the season.

For more details on all these fantastic events, check out the Leisure Services pages in this issue or visit our website at <https://www.wiltonmanors.gov/409/Special-Events>. Get ready to experience the winter magic in Wilton Manors!

From my home to yours, I wish you the happiest of holidays and all the best in 2025! If you have any questions or concerns about anything related to the city, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at ccaputo@wiltonmanors.com.

Commissioner Don D'Arminio—Infrastructure Improvements Update



As your City Commissioner, I'm pleased to share recent updates on our community's infrastructure improvements, which will enhance our city's resilience against flooding, sewer overflows, and river-induced drainage issues. These upgrades are part of our ongoing commitment to creating a safer, more sustainable city for all residents.

Sewer Pipe Repair and Rehabilitation

To address issues related to inflow and infiltration in our sewer systems, the city has recently initiated extensive sewer pipe repairs across the city. Inflow and infiltration occur when stormwater or groundwater enters our sanitary sewer systems, leading to increased risk of sewer spills and disruptions. These repairs involve sealing and reinforcing existing pipes to prevent excess water from entering the system, reducing the risk of overflows and ensuring that our sewers can function efficiently even during heavy rains.

In addition to reinforcing the sewer pipes, we are just finishing up a \$2 million project to install a new sewer force main down NE 15th Avenue that will increase the capacity of our sewer system. The old force main will remain in place and provide a secondary system of transmission of our wastewater to the City of Fort Lauderdale's treatment facility. A new force main for NE 5th Avenue, between NE 21st Court and NE 26th Street is in the design phase and will help alleviate spills that occur when the system becomes inundated with excessive flows.

Enhancing Stormwater Management for Flood Prevention

In addition to sewer system improvements, the city is focusing on stormwater management to mitigate roadway flooding that occurs during severe rain events. Our streets are susceptible to flooding when high volumes of rain exceed the drainage system's capacity, posing risks to drivers and pedestrians alike. New stormwater projects have been completed, are in construction, or are in the design and permitting stage throughout the city. This includes projects for NW 8th Avenue, NE 24th Street, NW 2nd Avenue, NW 3rd Avenue, and NE 28th Drive.

Grant Funding to Prevent River-Induced Flooding

We're excited to announce that the city has received a \$1 million grant to install specialized valves on our stormwater outfall pipes. These valves are critical in preventing reverse flow from the river back into our drainage system, which can contribute to street flooding during high tides or significant river flow events. This project will significantly enhance our stormwater system's capability to handle high water levels, reducing flooding in vulnerable areas and making our community more resilient against future flooding risks.

City Commission Commitment to Infrastructure Funding

Our commitment to these projects goes beyond planning and into financial support. The City Commission has prioritized funding for these essential infrastructure upgrades and has eliminated fund transfers from the utility fund to the city's general fund, ensuring that utility revenues are dedicated to maintaining and improving our water, sewer, and stormwater infrastructure.

Through these projects, we're building a stronger, safer city. Thank you for your support as we continue working to make our city a place where infrastructure meets the needs of our community and protects us against future challenges.

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!

Essential Safety Tips on Smoke and CO2 Detectors

As residents of Wilton Manors, ensuring that your home has properly functioning smoke and carbon monoxide (CO2) detectors is a critical step in keeping your household safe. These devices provide an early warning in emergencies, giving you precious time to react and avoid harm. However, just having these detectors installed is not enough—they need regular maintenance to remain effective.

When and How to Replace Batteries

It's recommended to check your detectors' batteries at least twice a year. A good rule of thumb is to change them every time you adjust your clocks for Daylight Saving Time, even if they still seem functional. Detectors usually signal low battery levels with a chirping sound, but it's best not to wait for this alert. Many newer models come with lithium batteries that last up to 10 years. If your detectors use these long-life batteries, they don't require regular replacement, but the entire detector will need to be replaced at the end of its battery life.

Maintaining and Replacing Detectors

Smoke detectors should be replaced every 10 years, and CO2 detectors every 5-7 years, as their sensors degrade over time. Check the manufacturing date on each unit to see if replacement is needed. Regularly cleaning your detectors, removing dust, and pressing the "test" button once a month will also help ensure they are functioning properly.

Stay Safe, Wilton Manors

The City of Wilton Manors encourages all residents to make detector maintenance a routine task. These small efforts are vital for protecting your home and family. If you need assistance or have questions about your detectors, reach out to local resources or our Fire Department for guidance. Let's work together to keep our community safe!



Commissioner Paul Rolli—Moving Forward



As Wilton Manors navigates a challenging financial landscape, we find ourselves at a critical juncture. Rising costs and the need to deliver quality services at minimal expense present significant obstacles. The upcoming years promise to be demanding from a budgetary perspective, particularly since we won't see any additional income from newly approved developments for at least three years. At the Nov. 26 City Commission meeting, our objective was to update our Strategic Plan focusing on macro level revisions to create a sustainable budget using innovative methods to mitigate the financial burden.

One significant area of focus is the enhanced use of Technology and Artificial Intelligence (AI) to improve service delivery. By incorporating AI into our daily operations, we can streamline tasks, allowing our employees to concentrate on more complex issues without necessitating an increase in staffing levels. Early implementations of AI have already shown promise in improving efficiency across various departments. Our strategic plan includes actions to identify operational efficiencies. In line with this strategy, we are leveraging technology and artificial intelligence (AI) in performing regular duties and also delivering services to residents efficiently and timely. By using advanced technologies as a force multiplier, we can extend the capabilities of our dedicated workforce. For example, we are exploring ways AI can help improve public safety, increase transparency, assist with administrative tasks, and analyze data.

Other key areas addressed were Fiscal Health, Major Capital Asset Management, Environmental/Sustainability and Social - Community Equity. The City Commission added specific detail under each category and the summary of the discussions will be brought back to the commission to finalize the plan to help formulate next year's budget.

The Financial Advisory Board (FAB) met in early November to discuss its revised mission to focus on forecasting income and expenses for the next several years. The Commission tasked them with providing long-term insights into the City's revenue and expenditure trends. This forecasting may support strategic planning to ensure financial stability.

A summary update on development: The Wilton Hotel, Generations (Alchemist site) and the Wilma Project at The Shoppes have been approved by the county and they have requested site plan extensions from the city. They can all apply for demolition and building permits. Wilton Yards, an 18-unit Townhouse project in Highland Estates does not have county approval yet. The proposed Ave Apt building property, at Oakland Park Blvd and Andrews Ave., has been put up for sale. Lennar company is working with the city to build 50 townhouses on the "Church Property" on NE 26th St. which will be for sale.

As we move forward, it is crucial that residents stay informed and engaged in this process. The decisions we make now will significantly impact our community's future. By embracing innovation, prioritizing sustainability, and ensuring fiscal responsibility, we can position Wilton Manors for a vibrant, thriving future that meets the needs of all residents.

I want to take this moment to wish everyone happy and healthy holidays and a prosperous New Year. For any questions or concerns, please contact me at (954) 595-8865 or prolli@wiltonmanors.com. I am always available for a conversation.

Lithium-Ion Battery Safety

Lithium-ion batteries are found in many devices and systems that we interact with daily and provide an effective and efficient source of power. The likelihood of them overheating, catching on fire, and even leading to explosions increases when they are damaged or improperly used, charged, or stored. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) offers several resources that provide information to promote safer use of lithium-ion batteries across a wide range of applications. NFPA recommends these tips when buying, charging, storing, and using lithium-ion batteries to help prevent fires:

- Only purchase and use devices, batteries, and charging equipment that are listed by a nationally recognized testing lab and labeled accordingly.
- Use charging equipment that is only compatible with your device. To be safe, use only the charging equipment that is supplied with your device.
- Do not keep charging the device or device battery after it is fully charged.
- Do not put lithium-ion batteries in the trash. They are considered hazardous waste.
- Stop using your device if the battery shows signs of damage, such as an unusual odor, excessive heat, popping sounds, swelling, or change in color.
- Only have device repairs performed by a qualified professional.

Learn more about NFPA's Charge into Fire Safety campaign at nfpa.org/lithiumsafety.



Emergency Management/Utilities Division 954-390-2190

Conserving Water in Wilton Manors/Irrigation Rebate Program

Water conservation is a year-round effort and even the seemingly smallest measures can add up to big savings.



In your home, repair plumbing fixture leaks as soon as they appear; turn off water while brushing your teeth, scrubbing up in the shower or hand-washing dishes; match the washing machine water level to the load size; upgrade older toilets to new water-saving models – take advantage of the City’s Ultra-Low Flow Toilet Rebate Program.



Outside your home, observe water restriction schedules; frequently inspect irrigation systems for missing heads and broken lines and install timers and rain sensors if not in place; water your landscape and not patios, walkways and driveways; install landscape that is native and drought-tolerant.



The Island City is surrounded by water, and our waterways are also a precious resource to be conserved. Keep our waterways clean by not dumping waste, automotive fluids, chemicals or yard clippings into public roadways or directly into waterways. Most drainage in our City rights-of-way drain to the waterways and our City Ordinances prohibit blowing yard clippings into the streets primarily for this reason. Property owners may be subject to fines for doing so!



If you use city water for your irrigation, you may be eligible for a \$500 rebate! The City has partnered with Broward County to offer our residents rebates for improvements to their irrigation systems. As part of this program, the County sends someone out to evaluate your system and makes recommendations for water conservation improvements (like digital irrigation controllers and solenoid valves). Eligible residents can earn up to \$500 rebates if they make the improvements using a licensed contractor. This is another tool in our suite of incentives to help you conserve our limited resources and ensure Life's Just Greener Here! If you missed out on this in our last fiscal year, new-year budget funds are now available. More information on the program, as well as the link to apply, is on our website here: <https://www.wiltonmanors.gov/943/Residential-Irrigation-Rebate-Program> The direct link to the application on Broward County’s website is here: <https://www.broward.org/irrigationrebate/Pages/default.aspx>.

Visit www.wiltonmanors.com or www.sfwmd.gov/consERVE for more information.

Water Conservation is just another way to show that *Life’s Just Better Here!*

At-Your Door Household Hazardous Waste Pick-Up



Residents in single family homes can contact Coastal Waste & Recycling to schedule pickup of household hazardous waste by phone at 954-947-4445 or by email at wiltonmanors@coastalwasteinc.com.

Please visit: www.wiltonmanors.gov/185/Hazardous-Waste-Disposal.

Christmas Tree Pickup

The City of Wilton Manors offers free curb-side pickup of Christmas trees on your bulk pick-up day during the month of January (please refer to the 2025 Collection Schedule). Please remove all lights, ornaments, and tree stands before placing trees at the curb. The trees will be taken to the Waste-to-Energy Plant and burned to create energy!



Emergency Management/Utilities Division 954-390-2190

Secure Shredding Event

When: Saturday, January 25, 2025 9-11am

Where: City Hall/Hagen Park Parking Lot (2020 Wilton Drive)

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.

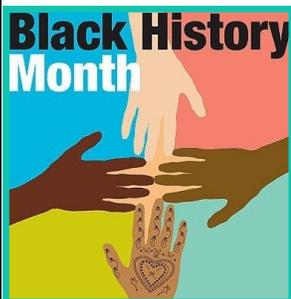
Wilton Manors residents: Bring proof of residency (such as a driver's license or utility bill showing your Wilton Manors address).

Wilton Manors business owners: Bring a copy of your current Wilton Manors Business Tax Receipt. For more information, contact the Emergency Management/Utilities Department at (954) 390-2190.



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

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



For Black History Month in February, we seek nominations for a City honoree to recognize leadership and creativity in promoting Black History Month and increasing the understanding of and appreciation for the culture of the Black Community. **The deadline for Black History Month nominations is December 24, 2024.** Nominations will be reviewed in the CAAB meeting on January 8, 2025, and presented in the Commission Meeting on January 28, 2025.

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

The deadline for Women's History Month nominations is January 15, 2025.

Nominations will be reviewed in the CAAB meeting on February 5, 2025, and presented in the Commission Meeting on February 25, 2025.

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

Qualifications to consider for nominees: The nominee exhibits efforts for beautification of the city, supports issues of community concern, disseminates education, and/or publicizes the benefits of doing business in the city; and exhibits traits of **Advocacy, being a Role Model, Leadership, & Philanthropy**. Additional qualifications are detailed on the nomination forms. Nominations should be 250 words or less and describe the contributions, benefits to the community, neighborhood, group, individual, or non-profit organization of the individual or organization.

Nominations may be made using the forms available at City Hall or on the City's website from the CAAB webpage here:

<https://www.wiltonmanors.gov/482/Community-Affairs-Advisory-Board>. You may also simply send a nomination email in 250 words or less to: community@wiltonmanors.com, explaining why this individual or business should be recognized.

NOMINATIONS FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH HONOREES ARE DUE BY DECEMBER 24, 2024, AND NOMINATIONS FOR WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH HONOREES ARE DUE BY JANUARY 15, 2025.

Coming up next, we will be accepting nominations for the **Skip Stadnik Community Spirit Awards**, to recognize outstanding volunteerism in the city during the 2024 year. Nominations for this program are also available at City Hall and via the CAAB webpage noted above. **These nominations are due March 15, 2025. All nomination forms and more information about the Community Affairs Advisory Board, including their Accomplishments & Goals and an application to apply can be found here:** <https://www.wiltonmanors.gov/482/Community-Affairs-Advisory-Board>.



SAVE THE DATE
Saturday, Feb. 1, 2025,
1pm-6pm

THE COOKOUT
HOTSPOTS HAPPENING OUT
A Black History Month Celebration
Non-Profit Leader in LGBTQ+
Events and Media

JOIN US FOR FREE
Food | MUSIC | GAMES
CASH PRIZE SPADES & DOMINO
TOURNAMENTS

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www.Cookout.Hotspots.lgbt
Sponsorship Opportunities Contact Jameer Baptiste at JBaptiste@Hotspots.lgbt
Location: Mickel Park 2675 NW 7th Ave, Wilton Manors, FL 33311



Kiwanis

ATTENTION PARENTS and COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY & VO-TECH STUDENTS!!

*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. Kiwanis 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 new businesses that opened in August & September:

<u>Address</u>	<u>Business Name</u>
August 2024: 2215 Wilton Drive	Thirsty's On The Drive
September 2024: 1881 NE 26 St #212	City Agent LLC
2227 Wilton Drive #1	Supreme Lending

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.

RESIDENT SATISFACTION SURVEY

December 1, 2024



Dear Wilton Manors Resident,

The City of Wilton Manors recognizes that a critical dimension of the achievement of the Goals and Objectives of the Strategic Plan is the opinion of residents on City services and relationships. We were pleased with the results of the survey back in 2018, but want to remeasure residents' satisfaction to ensure we are still providing the level of service you deserve.

Whether or not you completed a previous survey, please complete the **survey by April 1, 2025** preferably online using the QR Code below or by returning this pull-out section. Please answer the survey questions honestly, because your opinions will be used in conjunction with other Strategic Plan outcomes to determine if the City really is on the right track.

The survey will take approximately 10-15 minutes to complete. If you agree to answer the questions, please complete the survey, fold it so the address is showing, tape it closed and mail it to our City Hall. You may also drop off the survey in person. If you have a friend or neighbor who lives in Wilton Manors and did not receive the Town Crier, but would like a copy of the survey, please ask them to contact Johnnie Goodnight at (954) 390-2120 and one will be mailed or emailed to them.

This study is important for residents and businesses of the City of Wilton Manors, and we appreciate you taking the time to answer the survey questions.

Respectfully,
Leigh Ann Henderson
City Manager

English:
Scan this QR
Code to take
the survey in
English.



Spanish:

Escanee este
código QR
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encuesta en
español.



Creole:

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an Kreyòl.



City of Wilton Manors Resident Survey

Thank you very much for your participation. Your responses will help the City of Wilton Manors provide better services to you.

1. During the past two years, approximately how many times have you contacted the City of Wilton Manors departments?
 - 0 times
 - 1-3 times
 - 4-6 times
 - 7 or more times

2. Based on your contact(s) with the City of Wilton Manors, how do you feel about the following?

	Dissatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied
The professionalism of employees	1	2	3
The knowledge of employees	1	2	3
How well your question/request was answered	1	2	3
Timeliness of response	1	2	3
Access to employees	1	2	3

3. Based on your experiences while living in the City of Wilton Manors during the past two years, please rate these services (Please select N/A if you have not used the service):

	Very Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very Satisfied	N/A
City Commission	1	2	3	4	5	0
City Manager / City Clerk	1	2	3	4	5	0
Community Development Services (Building Department)	1	2	3	4	5	0
Fire/EMS Services	1	2	3	4	5	0
Financial Services (Paying Bills)	1	2	3	4	5	0
Leisure Services (Park Facilities & Community Programming)	1	2	3	4	5	0
Richard C. Sullivan Library	1	2	3	4	5	0
Police Services	1	2	3	4	5	0
Code Compliance	1	2	3	4	5	0
Utility Services (water, sewer, garbage collection, recycling, road upkeep)	1	2	3	4	5	0
Overall City Services	1	2	3	4	5	0

4. What is your age?
 - Under 18
 - 18-24
 - 25-34
 - 35-44
 - 45-54
 - 55-64
 - 65+
5. How many people, including yourself, live in your household? _____
6. In What section of Wilton Manors do you live?
 - East Side (Easy of Dixie Hwy.)
 - Central Area (Between Dixie Hwy. and Andrews Ave.)
 - West Side (West of Andrews Ave.)
7. If you were describing Wilton Manors to an out-of-town friend, what three words would you use?
 - Word #1: _____
 - Word #2: _____
 - Word #3: _____
8. How Safe do you feel living in your neighborhood?
 - Not Safe
 - Safe
 - Very Safe

9. Please rate your level of satisfaction of the resources you use to get information about City services / events/ activities / meetings.

	Dissatisfied	Neutral	Satisfied
Attending City Commission meetings	1	2	3
City website (www.wiltonmanors.gov)	1	2	3
City emails	1	2	3
City electronic message boards on roadways	1	2	3
Contacting the City directly	1	2	3
Informational brochures and flyers	1	2	3
Town Crier (quarterly newsletter)	1	2	3
Social Media	1	2	3

10. Based on your personal experiences, please rank the importance of each of the following reasons why you live in the City of Wilton Manors. (Please rank 1 through 7, with 1 being the most important and 7 being the least important)

- a. ____ Access to Natural Resources (waterways)
- b. ____ Access to good educational institutions (K-12)
- c. ____ Diverse population
- d. ____ Good City Services
- e. ____ Proximity to nightlife and restaurants
- f. ____ Small-Town feel
- g. ____ LGBTQ+ community

11. The list of items on which the City's next strategic plan could focus is provided below. Please rank how much of a focus you believe the City's strategic plan should have on each item. (Please rank 1 through 13, with 1 being the most important and 13 being the least important)

- a. ____ Communication with residents
- b. ____ Commercial Corridors
- c. ____ Good financial management
- d. ____ Make the City a destination point for residents and visitors
- e. ____ Parks and facilities
- f. ____ Public safety
- g. ____ Recreational services
- h. ____ Road maintenance
- i. ____ Traffic calming (pedestrian and cyclist improvements)
- j. ____ Infrastructure (water, sewer, stormwater)
- k. ____ Affordable Housing
- l. ____ Beautification of City through code compliance
- m. ____ Climate Change resilience

12. Approximately how many years have you lived in the City of Wilton Manors

- 0-4
- 5-9
- 10-14
- 15-19
- 20-24
- 25-29
- 30-34
- 35+

13. Do you own or rent your residence?

- a. Own
- b. Rent
- c. Other (please specify) _____

14. What is your current employment status?

- a. Employed Full Time
- b. Employed Part Time
- c. Unemployed
- d. Retired

15. Please write additional comments about the City of Wilton Manors here.



Life's Just Better Here

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



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 Wilton Manors, FL 33305

Please pull out the survey, fold here & staple or tape closed, and mail to or drop off at City Hall.

Who You Gonna Call?

Do you have questions about

- Parks and Recreational Events
- Garage Sales
- Alarm Registrations
- Code or Watering Violations
- Issues with Trees & Landscaping
- Missed Garbage/Recycling Pick-up
- Signs, Traffic Lights, Sidewalks
- Water or Sewer problems

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

CITY OF WILTON MANORS

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

"Who You Gonna Call?"

Volunteer Opportunities: 390-2123

Limbs in Utility Lines: EPL 797-5000

Tree Removal: 519-1282 (Alex Schors, Broward County)

Parking Meter Issues: 566-3704

Mosquito Control: 765-4062

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

Street signs: 390-2190

Signs on poles (illegal): 390-2151

Garage Sale: 390-2151

LEISURE SERVICES: 390-2130

Recreation: 390-2130, 390-2150, 612-2285

Pool/Ganger: 612-2285

Fire hydrant leaking: 390-2190

Unseen Sidewalk: 390-2190

Trash can constantly in front of the house: 390-2151

Missed garbage/recycling pickup: 390-2190

Abandoned vehicle: 390-2151

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

Police / Fire / EMS: 9-1-1 or 390-2191, Police Dispatch: 764-4357 (HELP) or Info Only: 390-2190* (Mon-Fri: 7am-6pm)

Traffic sign down: 390-2190

Rubbish/Sinkhole: 390-2190

Road kill / Dead animal: 390-2190

Street lights: 390-2190

Water/Sewer Breaks (24 hrs) and General Public Works: 390-2190

Building Permits: 390-2180 or Email

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

Visit the City online at: www.wiltonmanors.com

(<https://www.wiltonmanors.com/DocumentCenter/View/309/Who-You-Gonna-Call-with-links?bidId=>)



SILVERSERVE LUNCHEON
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2024
11:00 AM TO 1:00 PM

Sponsor: 

Come lunch with us at...
Hagen Park Community Center
 2020 Wilton Dr, Wilton Manors, FL 33305

Free Self Parking
 Parking lot behind City Hall

Free RSVP
SunServe.org/SilverServe




The City of Wilton Manors is a proud sponsor of SunServe’s SilverServe Luncheons, held on the second Friday of every month.

Celebrate the season with SunServe’s annual holiday SilverServe Luncheon—a festive gathering just for our senior community! Join us for a joyful afternoon filled with holiday cheer, great food, and wonderful company. This event is a perfect opportunity to connect with others and ring in the holidays together. We encourage everyone to dress festively to add to the holiday spirit!

Event Details:

Date: Friday, December 13, 2024

Time: 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Location: Hagen Park Community Center, 2020 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors, FL 33305

Parking: Free self-parking available behind City Hall

RSVP: SunServe.org/SilverServe

Let’s make this holiday season bright and memorable—come celebrate with us!

Honoring the Stafford Legacy: A Pioneering Family in Wilton Manors

Recently, Mayor Scott Newton championed an effort to rename the Island City Park Preserve for the Stafford Family. Following the City’s Naming and Renaming Policy, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board reviewed the request and approved it unanimously. The City Commission held a public hearing on the item at their November 26, 2024 meeting. A second public hearing will take place on December 10, 2024 at 7:00pm. Here’s a bit of information about why Mayor Newton wanted to bestow this honor on the Stafford Family.

Marcia and Leslie Stafford arrived in Wilton Manors in 1945, bringing with them not just dreams but a determination to enrich the lives of everyone around them. Marcia Stafford was a true trailblazer, making her mark as one of the first women in politics in South Florida. After teaching school in the area, she stepped up to become the City’s first unpaid City Clerk when Wilton Manors officially incorporated in 1947, and she served as an elected commissioner until 1975, helping to shape the community we cherish today.

Leslie Stafford, a dedicated businessman, was equally committed to the affairs of Wilton Manors. Their home, often referred to as the first City Hall, served as a gathering place for civic discussions and decisions.

The couple raised two children, Nancy and Tracy, who would continue the family’s legacy of public service. Nancy became a well-known actress, while Tracy dedicated himself to bettering Wilton Manors. Following Marcia’s retirement in 1975, Tracy stepped into her shoes, elected to serve on the City Commission and later becoming City Manager and then Mayor in 1986. His leadership spanned more than 30 years and included a decade as a state representative, where he championed causes that benefited our community, securing almost half a million dollars for what is now the Island City Park Preserve. Tracy also made history as the first member of the House of Representatives to introduce legislation allowing domestic partnership benefits for same-sex couples, a progressive step that resonated deeply in our diverse community.

Even after the passing of Marcia and Leslie, and with Nancy moving out of state, Tracy remained devoted to his roots, as a member of the Wilton Manors Community Affairs Advisory Board and the Broward County Advisory Board for Individuals with Disabilities. His unwavering commitment reflects the family’s spirit—dedicated to service, inclusivity, and the betterment of our town.



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

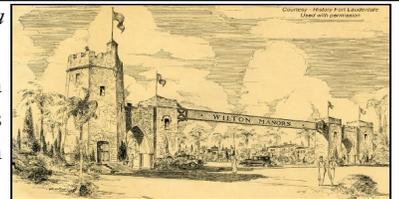
Access our new PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST PORTAL by visiting:

<https://cityofwiltonmanorsfl.nextrequest.com>

—E.J. Willingham’s Forgotten Castle—

We are often asked “*why is there an image of a castle on the Wilton Manors official City Seal*”; or “*why is a castle a part of the WMHS logo*”. The answer is ...

In 1925, E.J. Willingham commissioned noted architect Francis Abreu to design an Administration Building, Entrance Gateway and Observation Tower for his new upscale subdivision. The structures would be Spanish-revival, a la Addison Mizner. A news article of that year estimated the construction cost of the three buildings to be \$50,000—some \$900,000 in today’s dollars.



They were intended to be permanent—with concrete foundations and reinforced stone or masonry walls. The large Observation Tower on the south side had stairways to the upper floors that were to be used to take prospective purchasers to the top and show them the completed infrastructure of streets, lighting, etc.; as well as let them envision the completed community. It appears that the Administration Building (left) was actually designed to serve as a “model home”—reflecting the type/size/quality of house Willingham expected to be constructed in his subdivision.

Unfortunately, soon after completion of the grand entrance gateway in 1926, the development of “Wilton Manors” suffered a number of setbacks (devastating hurricanes, a railroad embargo, Willingham’s untimely death and the Great Depression). The Administration Building was sold in the early 1930s to George Smith, of our pioneer Smith family; and became his principal residence. Sales of the rest of the lots were at a standstill through end of the Depression. Thus, the entrance gateway towers were essentially abandoned.

Activity resumed in 1943 when contractor M.D. Mace purchased the two city blocks at the SE corner of Wilton Drive and Dixie Highway. By the end of WW2 he had completed his own residence on the south block. He then converted the Observation Tower, with additions, into a unique residence—while still preserving the original design elements. It became the home of Mace’s son until 1951.

In 1953 the Observation Tower went from residence to the house-of-worship for the newly-formed Wilton Manors Baptist Chapel. Their stay was short. By late 1954 the church had moved to a newly-constructed campus adjacent to the Elementary School.

The next notable occupant was the infamous “Bird Woman”, Shari O’Hara—who squatted there with her menagerie of trained exotic birds from 1956 until evicted in 1957.

That same year the large Observation Tower was demolished—to be replaced with an A&W Root Beer Drive-In. (The smaller towers were later demolished in the mid-1960s.)



Five Points-looking south on Wilton Drive, ca 1947



WILTON MANORS POLICE DEPARTMENT



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

From Chief Gary Blocker:
Rising to the Challenges of 2024 Motivates us to Prosper in 2025



As we look back on 2024, I want to take a moment to share some positive developments within the Wilton Manors Police Department. This year brought its share of challenges, particularly in terms of staffing, but it also presented opportunities for growth and renewal that have made us stronger and more resilient as a team. Earlier in the year, we reached a critical point in our sworn officer staffing that aligned with the National trend of fewer people entering the law enforcement profession. However, through the hard work and dedication of our City Staff, we have made significant strides in recruiting and hiring new police officers, and retaining our talented officers and staff who remained with us through these challenges. I'm pleased to report that we are closer to reaching full staffing, with only three vacancies remaining as of November 1st, while acknowledging two additional sworn positions are temporarily frozen for the current fiscal year. Although pleased, we fully understand our work is not done, and we remain committed to achieving a fully staffed agency, and sustaining these staffing levels to support the public safety needs of our community.

Our team's resilience in the face of these challenges has been inspiring. Despite the demands placed on them, our officers and staff have risen to the occasion time and again, showing a commitment and dedication to service that has strengthened our department. The officers who have recently joined bring fresh energy, ideas, and enthusiasm that are already enriching our team. Their new perspectives blend seamlessly with the experience, training, and dedication of our seasoned officers. Together, they form a strong, united force committed to meeting and exceeding your expectations.

On the professional staff side, we are at full capacity, with the exception of two frozen positions. This means our team can focus on delivering the high-quality service that our residents expect and deserve. We are inspired by the resilience, pride, and support of our community, which motivates us to reach new heights in public safety every day.

Thank you for standing with us as we continue to build a brighter, safer future for Wilton Manors. We're ready to take on the opportunities that 2025 will bring and are excited to make even more strides toward achieving excellence in service for our Island City. We look forward to a new year filled with progress, innovation, and, most importantly, our continued partnership with all of you.

With deep gratitude and optimism! Chief Gary Blocker

**Balancing Tourism and Community:
 How Wilton Manors Manages the Rise in Short-Term Rentals**

Short-term rentals have become increasingly popular in Wilton Manors, Florida, where tourists and business travelers are drawn to the city's vibrant nightlife, cultural appeal, and proximity to Fort Lauderdale. Platforms like Airbnb and Vrbo have made it easier for homeowners to rent out their properties for short stays, offering visitors unique experiences beyond traditional hotels. Over the past three years, these rentals have grown dramatically—from 67 licensed properties in 2021 to nearly 300 today, reflecting a broader trend towards flexible lodging.

The rise of short-term rentals has raised concerns among residents and city officials, particularly regarding issues like noise, parking, and neighborhood disruptions. These challenges have led to discussions about the need for regulations. In response, Wilton Manors has introduced zoning laws and licensing requirements to help manage the impact of these rentals on the community. The goal is to balance supporting local tourism with preserving residents' quality of life.

The Code Compliance Unit in Wilton Manors recognizes that residents are invaluable in maintaining neighborhood standards. With unique insight into the dynamics of their own blocks, neighbors are essential allies in upholding community regulations, especially as short-term rentals increase. By encouraging residents to participate actively in code compliance, the city aims to foster a more harmonious living environment while effectively addressing issues associated with rental properties.

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Code Compliance—Short-Term Rentals
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To support this community involvement, the Code Compliance Unit has created an accessible complaint-filing system on the city’s website under the link: [SUBMIT CODE VIOLATION CONCERN \(https://www.wiltonmanors.gov/349/Code-Compliance-Unit\)](https://www.wiltonmanors.gov/349/Code-Compliance-Unit). Alternatively, residents can go to the Code Compliance section and log into the Citizen Serve portal to file complaints related to property conditions or violations. This streamlined process empowers neighbors to play a direct role in local enforcement, helping preserve the quality of life within their neighborhoods.

Ongoing collaboration between residents and the Code Compliance Unit is essential for effective property monitoring and maintaining community standards. As more residents use the complaint portal, the City can more efficiently track and address problem properties, ensuring prompt management of concerns. This partnership strengthens code compliance and fosters a sense of community ownership and responsibility, ultimately enhancing the overall well-being of Wilton Manors.

Wilton Manors Police Department



CITIZEN’S POLICE ACADEMY

January 23 - March 27
Thursdays 6:30pm - 8:30pm

A community policing program that provides a glimpse of how the professionals of the Wilton Manors PD protect and serve our Island City.

Topics Covered

- Traffic Enforcement
- Patrol Operations
- Code Compliance
- Investigations
- Canine Unit
- BSO Aviation Unit



For applications and more, visit wmpd.org, or scan the QR code.



Contact Us:

Ofc. Gary Grande
(954) 390.2150
ggrande@wmpd.org
info@wmpd.org

The 2025 class of WMPD’s Citizen’s Police Academy is filling up fast! Applicants must be at least 18 years old. Selection preference will be given to Wilton Manors residents and those who work or own a business or property within the City. This is your opportunity to become involved in a dynamic, rewarding partnership with your police department. We need your participation to ensure the success of the Citizens Police Academy. Don’t hesitate, complete your application today. Application link and more information is available here:

www.wiltonmanors.gov/709/Citizens-Police-Academy-CPA, and in the Police Dept. lobby.

****This program does not lead to nor promise any type of law enforcement employment.****

LEISURE SERVICES 954-390-2130

Community Events

ISLAND CITY-WIDE YARD SALES

Explore treasures at the Island City Yard Sales, held at Hagen Park. Browse a variety of goods, from clothing and furniture to collectibles and antiques. Free parking is available for all shoppers.

- **Dates:** December 14, 2024 | January 11, 2025 | February 8, 2025 | March 8, 2025 **Time:** 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- **Location:** Hagen Park, 2020 Wilton Drive
- **Vendor Reservations:** Contact the Leisure Services Department at 954-390-2130 for space reservations

More Info: [Island City Yard Sales \(https://www.wiltonmanors.gov/418/Island-City-Yard-Sales\)](https://www.wiltonmanors.gov/418/Island-City-Yard-Sales)

HOLIDAY LIGHTING CEREMONY

Join the community for our annual Holiday Lighting Ceremony! Enjoy the lighting of the Menorah, Kinara, and Christmas tree along with festive performances.

- **Date:** Thursday, December 5, 2024 **Time:** 6:30 p.m.
- **Location:** Justin Flippen Park, Wilton Drive and 21st Court

More Info: [Holiday Lighting Ceremony \(https://www.wiltonmanors.gov/416/Holiday-Lighting-Ceremony\)](https://www.wiltonmanors.gov/416/Holiday-Lighting-Ceremony)

LIVE AT MICKEL—CONCERT SERIES

Enjoy an exciting lineup at the "Live at Mickel" concert series! Featuring talented musicians under the stars, this series is a must-see. Bring a lawn chair or blanket, and feel free to bring your own beverages. Concessions will be available on-site.

- **Location:** Mickel Park, 2675 NW 7th Avenue

Time: All shows from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

2025 Concert Lineup:

- **Holiday Concert by South Florida Pride Wind Ensemble** *Get in the holiday spirit with a festive performance!* **Date:** December 20, 2024 **More Info:** [Holiday Concert at Mickel Park \(https://www.wiltonmanors.gov/829/Holiday-Concert-Mickel-Park\)](https://www.wiltonmanors.gov/829/Holiday-Concert-Mickel-Park)
- **Joel DaSilva Band** *Blues, R&B, and Rock Classics* **Date:** January 17, 2025
- **True Rumors** *Fleetwood Mac Tribute Band* **Date:** February 21, 2025
- **On the Roxx** *80's Tribute Band* **Date:** March 21, 2025

Additional Information:

- **Contact:** Call Leisure Services at 954-390-2130 or email LeisureServices@wiltonmanors.com

Website: [Live at Mickel \(https://www.wiltonmanors.gov/427/LIVE-Mickel\)](https://www.wiltonmanors.gov/427/LIVE-Mickel)

WINTER WONDERLAND

Celebrate the holiday season with Wilton Wonderland! This magical event includes holiday crafts, music, storytelling, and games—perfect for making joyful memories with family and friends.

- **Date:** Saturday, December 21, 2024
- **Time:** 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- **Location:** Hagen Park, 2020 Wilton Drive

More Info: [Wilton Wonderland \(https://www.wiltonmanors.gov/629/Wilton-Wonderland\)](https://www.wiltonmanors.gov/629/Wilton-Wonderland)

WOOF & WINE

Bring your furry friends to Colohatchee Dog Park for an enjoyable evening of fine wine, snacks, and socializing with fellow dog lovers. Woof & Wine is the perfect event to unwind with your pets and make new friends.

- **Date:** Thursday, January 9, 2025
- **Time:** 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.
- **Location:** Colohatchee Dog Park
- **More Info:** [Woof & Wine \(https://www.wiltonmanors.gov/691/Woof-Wine\)](https://www.wiltonmanors.gov/691/Woof-Wine)



LEISURE SERVICES 954-390-2130

MORE COMMUNITY EVENTS

MOVIES ON THE DRIVE

Enjoy an unforgettable movie night under the stars at Hagen Park! Watch your favorite classics on a massive 20-foot inflatable screen. Don't forget to bring your blankets, lawn chairs, and some friends for an evening of cinematic fun and community spirit.

Location: Hagen Park, 2020 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors, FL 33305

2025 Movie Lineup:

- **Star Wars: A New Hope** Travel to a galaxy far, far away with the groundbreaking space opera that started it all. Join young Luke Skywalker, Princess Leia, and Han Solo as they fight against the dark forces of the Empire. **Date: January 10, 2025, at 7 p.m.**
- **The Princess Bride** Enter a world of swashbuckling pirates, vengeful swordsmen, and a love story for the ages! Perfect for Valentine's Day, this movie blends romance, humor, and heartwarming fantasy into a film that's truly "inconceivable" to miss! **Date: February 14, 2025, at 7 p.m.**
- **Back to the Future** Celebrate the 40th anniversary of this iconic time-travel adventure! Follow Marty McFly as he's accidentally sent back to 1955 in a DeLorean, creating a time-bending journey that rewrites history. Packed with unforgettable moments, thrilling scenes, and '80s nostalgia, this classic film invites you to experience the past, present, and future like never before. **Date: March 14, 2025, at 7:30 p.m.**

Additional Information: Contact: For questions, call Leisure Services at 954-390-2130

Website: [Movies on the Drive](https://www.wiltonmanors.gov/702/Movies-on-the-Drive) (<https://www.wiltonmanors.gov/702/Movies-on-the-Drive>)



CHILDREN/YOUTH PROGRAMS

Kids' Night Out

Treat your kids to an evening of fun and adventure! Kids' Night Out offers themed activities for children in grades K-5, including movie marathons, creative arts, and games. It's a great way for kids to socialize in a safe, supervised setting while parents enjoy a night off.

- **Dates:** November 15 & December 20, 2024
- **Time:** 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
- **Location:** Hagen Park, 2020 Wilton Drive
- **Cost:** \$25 per child
- **Registration:** Register at Hagen Park Community Center or call 954-390-2130 for details

Kids Fitness

Get your child moving with our exciting Kids Fitness classes! These sessions feature fun games, team challenges, and exercises to build strength and coordination. Kids in grades K-5 can enjoy staying active while making new friends.

- **Days:** Mondays & Wednesdays
- **Time:** 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.
- **Location:** Island City Park Preserve, 823 NE 28th Street
- **Cost:** \$10 per class
- **Registration:** Register at Hagen Park Community Center or call 954-390-2130

School Days Out Program

Give your kids an action-packed day on non-school days with our School Days Out Program! Each day is filled with exciting field trips or special activities, hands-on crafts, fun games, and outdoor adventures. With everything included, from transportation to lunch and snacks, it's the ideal program to keep kids entertained and engaged.

- **Time:** 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- **Location:** Island City Park Preserve, 823 NE 28th Street
- **Registration:** Register at Hagen Park Community Center or call 954-390-2115
- **More Info:** [School Days Out Program](#)

Winter Camp

Get ready for a winter break packed with fun, friends, and adventure! Our Winter Camp is the perfect place for kids in grades K-5 to make unforgettable memories. With exciting daily activities like field trips, outdoor games, arts and crafts, and holiday-themed surprises, every day is designed to keep campers engaged and entertained. Lunch and snacks are included, and every child will receive a special blue 2024/25 camp shirt.

- **Dates:** December 23, 2024 – January 5, 2025 (excluding weekends and holidays)
- **Time:** 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- **Location:** Island City Park Preserve, 823 NE 28th Street
- **Registration:** Sign up at Hagen Park Community Center or call 954-390-2115 to reserve your spot!

More Info: [Winter Break Camp](#) (all programs here: <https://www.wiltonmanors.gov/369/Youth-Programs-Services>)

MORE Upcoming HOLIDAY Programs & Events



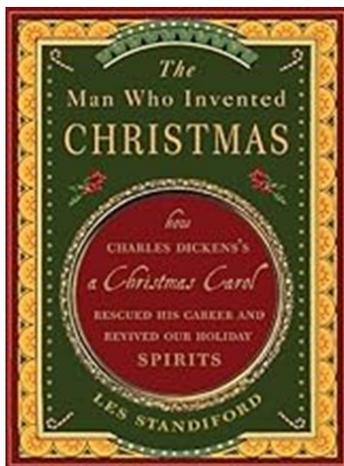
THE LIBRARY CORNER

500 NE 26th Street

954-390-2195

Throughout this holiday season and into the New Year, Library staff celebrate with you our special holiday programs. We wish all Wilton Manors residents and visitors the very best throughout the New Year and appreciate all who continually support what is your local library.

Adult Programs



Our **Island City Book Club** meets once a month on a Wednesday evening. Our December meeting shall be held **December 11th at 6:30p.m.**, where our lively and energetic group will discuss the book *The Man Who Invented Christmas* by Les Standiford:

Just before Christmas in 1843, a debt-ridden and dispirited Charles Dickens wrote a small book he hoped would keep his creditors at bay. His publisher turned it down, so Dickens used what little money he had to put out *A Christmas Carol* himself. He worried it might be the end of his career as a novelist. The book immediately caused a sensation. With warmth, wit, and an infusion of Christmas cheer, Les Standiford whisks us back to Victorian England, its most beloved storyteller, and the birth of the Christmas we know best.

For future titles and to confirm Island City Book Club meeting dates in 2025, please contact Library staff. New attendees always welcome!

Children's Programs:

Register today (954-390-2195) for our **build-your-own stuffed animal** holiday program! Stuff a plush pal, record a message to be placed inside, and create a birth certificate!

Wednesday, December 18th, 6p.m.

Maximum two children per family

Recommended ages 4-8

Registration required



Our Monday morning story times, LEGO programs and other children's programming continue as well!

For further information regarding our programs, resources and services please call and/or visit our website. **(954) 390-2195**

www.wiltonmanors.gov/Library

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY—UPCOMING EVENTS



The Friends of the Wilton Manors Library will hold its next lecture on Thursday, January 23, 2025 in the library at 500 N.E. 26th Street. Chuck Murawski will be talking about his career as an Emmy Winning scenic designer for the TV series *Maude*, *Golden Girls*, and many other TV shows and Broadway Theater productions.

The Friends will also be holding their Book Events at the City's Yard Sale on Saturdays December 14, 2024 and January 11, 2025. The Friends' indoor Book Fair will be Saturday February 8, during the City's Yard Sale. 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 (each board has its own application):

<https://www.wiltonmanors.com/221/Boards-Committees>. If you need to hand deliver your application or need more information, please contact City Clerk Elizabeth Garcia-Beckford at: ebeckford@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

The **Community Affairs Advisory Board** currently has 2 vacancies; and 4 seat-terms expire 9/1/25, with commission appointments scheduled 8/26/25. The **Library Advisory Board** currently has 1 vacancy; and 3 seat-terms expire 10/1/25, with appointments scheduled 9/9/25. The **Finance Advisory Board** will have 3 seat-terms expire 1/31/25, with appointments scheduled 1/14/25. The **Planning & Zoning Board** will have 4 seat-terms expire 5/1/25, with appointments scheduled 4/22/25. The **Recreation Advisory Board** will have 4 seat-terms expire 7/1/25, with appointments scheduled 6/24/25. The **Pension Board** will have 1 seat-term expire 10/1/25, with appointment scheduled 9/9/25.

Neighborhood Associations

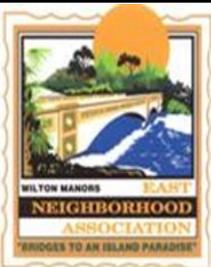
You can visit all four of the City’s Neighborhood Associations’ websites from links on the City website’s Neighborhood Associations webpage here:

<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).



WILTON MANORS EAST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION



The East Neighborhood Association of Wilton Manors, Inc. (ENA) will be hosting our annual Holiday Party on December 7th at Independence Hall on NE 26th Street. The party begins at 6 pm and will include dinner, deserts, beer, wine, and non-alcoholic beverages. The cost is free to ENA members and \$10 (cash or check) for non-members.

For those of you who live on the North and South Forks of the Middle River, don’t forget to watch Santa-By-Sea. On Wednesday, December 18th the Wilton Manors Police Boat will lead Santa Claus on his boat around the City. Santa will leave Colohatchee Park at 5:30 pm. If you have a boat small enough to get under the bridges, you can decorate your boat with lights and participate in the City’s own holiday boat parade. If you wish to participate, you need to be at Colohatchee Park by 5pm.

Our next ENA meeting will be January 23. At this meeting we will be electing new officers. There will be two positions up for election. If you have been an ENA member for 90 days and wish to run for a position on the ENA Board of Directors, please call or email President John Fiore by January 19.

On January 25 we will have our next NE 26th Street Clean-up. We meet at the Board of Realtors parking lot and spend an hour walking up and down NE 26th Street picking up trash. Please join us for some exercise and to help keep our neighborhood clean.

Have a happy Holiday Season and safe and healthy New Year!

John R. Fiore, President 954-564-3821 jrfiorefla@gmail.com

Neighborhood Associations—Continued



WESTSIDE
ASSOCIATION OF WILTON MANORS

Your Westside Association of Wilton Manors extends our warmest wishes to you and yours this Holiday Season! Your unwavering support is a gift to our organization. May the joy of the Holidays bring you success and prosperity in the coming year.

October Quarterly Membership Meeting—The Westside Association held its Quarterly Membership Meeting on October 23. Thank you to everyone who attended the meeting. Wilton Manors City Commissioner Caputo addressed the Association membership, providing an opportunity for residents to learn more about his vision for his next term. WMPD provided crime statistics updates and spoke about Airbnb and Code Compliance processes and President Shawn Walsh detailed Association efforts that impact the Westside and spoke about upcoming events. For more information, please visit our website (www.wawm.org).

2024 Fall Social—The Westside Association Board of Directors held its 2024 Westside Fall Social at Mickel Park on Monday, November 18 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., if you missed this great event, be sure NOT to miss these exciting upcoming events:

Holiday Decorating Contest—We are pleased to announce the return of the Annual Westside Winter Wonders House Decorating Contest. Last year's event was such a success, we want to bring it back for 2024. It's not too late to start planning your innovative decoration schemes, as we look for the "best dressed" holiday home exterior. Judging will take place the week of December 9 with 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place prizes to be presented at the Holiday Concert @ Mickel Park on December 20. Participation is open to all residents on the Westside of Wilton Manors. Entry is free and there is no need to pre-register. Please stay tuned for further details on our website, on Facebook (www.facebook.com/WestsideWilton), and in our Newsletters.

Mickel Park Concession Stand—The Westside Association will be providing the concessions for the upcoming Wilton Manors Concert Series at Mickel Park. All proceeds benefit our neighborhood. We are looking for a few volunteers to help, so interested, please email wawm.org@gmail.com. The concerts are December 20, January 17, February 21, and March 21.

General Membership Meeting—Our first General Membership Meeting of 2025 will be held on Wednesday, January 22 at 7 p.m. in Hagen Park Community Center. Additional information will be provided closer to this date.

Become a Member—Our membership is the core of WAWM's strength and our purpose for being. If you haven't done so yet, we would love to have you join us here (www.wawm.org/join-us).



Message from Central Area Neighborhood Association—CANA

Change is inevitable. The deadline for this article was before the election. By the time you have read this, city, county, state and federal elections will have been decided. The results of the elections impact our lives and community in various ways including whether certain infrastructure projects get built, agendas will be formed regarding issues such as home and flood insurance.

The Central Area Neighborhood Association represents an avenue to learn about issues that impact your life on a micro level as well as meeting and connecting with others in our community. Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 8, 2025 (the second Wednesday of each quarter) at 7p.m. at Hagen Park. Updates on issues of interest are posted on our Facebook page and our website.

We are looking for interested residents to join our board. Any interested residents, please notify us in writing prior to 30 days before our January 8, 2025 meeting, when we will hold our annual board election. Our email address is membership@canawm.org. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/809346362998126> <https://www.canawm.org/>



Three Bridges Neighborhood Association of East Wilton Manors

Please join Three Bridges for these upcoming events:

Woof & Wine: January 9, 2025, 4-6pm, Colohatchee Park

General Membership Meeting: January 29, 2025, 7pm, Hagen Park Community Center, networking begins at 6:30pm.

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

For more information about Three Bridges, please visit our website: 3bridgesassociation.com, or our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100070593710645>), or Facebook Group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/3064694530525474>).



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DEC 21-JAN 11, 2025

The Winner's Show

*Meet the Winners of the 13th Annual Juried Exhibit
on December 21st | 6 to 8 PM*

JAN 18-FEB 8

Gold Coast Watercolor Society

Meet the Artists on January 25th | 6 to 8 PM

FEB 15-MAR 8

The Art of the Quilt Featuring The Artwork of Gary Hancock

Meet the Artists at the Exhibit Opening
on Saturday, February 15th from 6 to 8 PM
Special Hours for this Exhibit:
Thursday, Friday & Saturday
12 Noon to 6 PM
and by appointment



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