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Town Crier

Your Guide To What's Happening In The Island City

FALL 2025

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City Hall.....	954-390-2100	Risk Management.....	954-390-2126
City Clerk.....	954-390-2123	Leisure Services	
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City Manager.....	954-390-2120	Parks Division.....	954-390-2115
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Finance Department.....	954-390-2141	Police Department	
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(*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, Sept 9 & **Thursday**, Sept 25

Tuesday, October 14 & 28

Tuesday, November 25

(There is no meeting Tues, Nov 11—
Veteran’s Day)

City Offices will be closed:

Tuesday, Nov 11, Veteran’s Day

Thursday, Nov 27, Thanksgiving

The fiscal year 2025/2026 Budget cycle is underway; budget meetings continue September 12 & 25 (both at 6:30pm). Find the latest meeting info at www.wiltonmanors.com and the latest budget data at:

www.wiltonmanors.com/144/Budget

Wilton Manors City Officials

Mayor Scott Newton

Vice Mayor Chris Caputo

Commissioner Mike Bracchi

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 3-Sept	Tues 2-Sept	Mon 8-Sept	Wed 15-Oct	Mon 20-Oct	Wed 15-Sept	Budget Review
Wed 8-Oct	Meets Quarterly	Mon 13-Oct	Meets Every 2 Months	Meets Quarterly	Wed 12-Nov	No Meetings This Quarter
Wed 5-Nov		Mon 10-Nov			Meets Quarterly	

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, September 15, October 20, and November 17

SOUTH/EAST regular garbage pickup days are **Tuesday & Friday**, your bulk trash days are:

Tuesday, September 16, October 21, and November 18

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

Condominium bulk pickup (quarterly): September 20.

There is no pick-up on Christmas Day (Thursday, December 25, 2025).

FREE resident shredding events are held in January and August each year.

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: Your City's Best Resource-Right at Your Fingertips



As your mayor, I am proud to share that one of the most valuable resources for our residents, businesses, and visitors is just a click away—our official City of Wilton Manors website: www.wiltonmanors.gov. It's more than just a collection of pages—it's your direct connection to all the services, programs, and updates that keep our Island City running smoothly.

If you want to stay informed about the growth and development happening around town, you'll find a **weekly update of development projects** right on the site. This is a great way to see what's new, what's planned, and how our city is evolving. (<https://wiltonmanors.gov/836/Development-Applications>)

The website also features a **calendar of meetings and events**, linked right on the homepage, so you'll never miss an important City Commission meeting, advisory board discussion, or one of the many community events that make Wilton Manors such a vibrant place to live.

Looking for information about **city services**? You'll find an extensive directory covering everything from building permits to utility billing—many of which can be accessed or completed online, saving you time and a trip to City Hall. (<https://wiltonmanors.gov/9/City-Services>)

Our **Leisure Services Department** has a dedicated section, so you can easily explore programs and classes, reserve facilities, and check out offerings at the **Richard C. Sullivan Public Library**. Whether you're looking for a story time for the kids, a new fitness class, or cultural programming, it's all there. (<https://wiltonmanors.gov/149/Leisure-Services>)

For those wondering about **trash, recycling, bulk pickup, and hazardous waste disposal**, the site includes detailed information and pickup schedules. You'll also find the **landscape watering schedule** to help us all do our part in conserving water and protecting our environment. (<https://wiltonmanors.gov/179/Utilities>)

And if you love your copy of the **Town Crier**—this issue and many back issues are available online as well! (<https://wiltonmanors.gov/323/Town-Crier>) That means even if you misplace your printed copy, you can still read it anytime from your phone, tablet, or computer. Better yet, switch to online viewing only (there's a link for that!), to save paper, save the environment! (<https://wiltonmanors.gov/FormCenter/Town-Crier-16/Town-Crier-US-Mail-OPTOUT-89>)

While this issue of the *Town Crier* is a wonderful source of information, the city's website contains all of this and much more. It's updated regularly, easy to navigate, and available 24/7—making it the most current, comprehensive, and convenient way to stay connected to your city government.

So, I encourage you to take a few minutes to visit www.wiltonmanors.gov. Bookmark it. Explore it. Make it your first stop for all things Wilton Manors. The more you know, the more you can engage, participate, and help keep our Island City the extraordinary community we are proud to call home.

As always, thank you for your continued engagement and support of our vibrant, inclusive city. It's a privilege to serve as your Mayor. Please reach out any time at 954-390-2123 or newton@wiltonmanors.com.

Join a City Board or Committee!

Your voice matters! Wilton Manors invites residents to apply for open seats on local boards and advisory committees. These groups play a vital role in guiding decisions and offering input that helps shape the community we share. Whether you're experienced in a particular field or simply eager to serve, your insight and enthusiasm are welcome. It's a meaningful way to get involved, make connections, and give back to the city you call home. Apply today on the city's website at: www.wiltonmanors.gov/221/Boards-Committees

For more information, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 954-390-2123, or email the City Clerk's Office at CityClerk@wiltonmanors.com. See the article on Page 18 for more information and links to each individual board/committee webpage.



Vice Mayor Chris Caputo—Friends and Neighbors:



Over the past several weeks, my fellow commissioners and I have been focused on sharing details about our upcoming city budget — making sure you know where every tax dollar goes and how it helps maintain the high quality of life we all enjoy here in Wilton Manors.

But instead of diving into numbers this month, I want to take a step back and talk about something a little lighter — the events that make our city such a vibrant, connected place to live.

Wicked Manors 2025: Eden After Dark — Temptation Awaits

On Halloween night, Wilton Drive will once again close to traffic and transform into one of our most anticipated annual celebrations. Hosted by The Pride Center, Wicked Manors is part street festival, part costume spectacular, and part “you just have to see it to believe it.”

This year’s theme—*Eden After Dark: Temptation Awaits*—invites you to embrace your inner angel, devil, or somewhere in between. Expect incredible costumes, live entertainment, and the kind of energy that makes you proud to call this city home. Our police department, city staff, and event organizers are already working closely to ensure it’s not only a great party but a safe one for all.

Other Highlights from Our City Calendar

Halloween may be our marquee event, but September and October are full of opportunities to connect with your neighbors and enjoy our community. Here are just a few worth marking on your calendar:

- **Senior Trip to Butterfly Garden** – September 2
A peaceful and colorful day that’s as close to walking inside a postcard as you can get.
- **Woof & Wine** – September 11 at Colohatchee Dog Park
Good wine, good conversation, and lots of wagging tails (from the dogs, hopefully not the humans).
- **Square Dancing** – (Multiple dates — visit the city calendar for details)
Fun, energetic, and no prior experience required — but be warned, it’s harder to frown when you’re do-si-do’ing.
- **Kids Night Out Costume Party** – October 24
A safe, fun evening for our youngest residents to show off their costumes and load up on treats before the big day.
- **Island City Yard Sales** – November 22 & December 13
Your chance to find a hidden gem, make a neighbor’s day, or finally get rid of that thing in your garage you swore you’d use someday.

Making It All Happen

From our biggest street parties to our smallest neighborhood gatherings, none of these events happen by accident. They’re the result of months of planning and the hard work of city staff, community volunteers, event organizers, and our police department.

So, as you plan your fall, I hope you’ll join me in showing up, supporting these events, and enjoying everything that makes Wilton Manors such a special place to live. I’ll see you out there.



20TH ANNUAL WILTON MANORS
TASTE OF THE ISLAND
 MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2025

Join us for an evening under the stars at the beautiful Richardson Historic Park and Nature Preserve for Wilton Manors’ 20th Food and Wine Festival, Taste of The Island, Monday, November 17, 2025. The savory event boasts over 30 restaurants with delicious cuisine and refreshing drinks accompanied by soothing music throughout the park and an end-of-event raffle open to all attending guests. Tickets at: www.tasteoftheisland.org.

Commissioner Mike Bracchi— Here to Serve and Represent You!



Summer may be over, but we are in the middle of budget season! One of the biggest responsibilities of the city commission is passing the annual budget.

As a Commissioner of our vibrant city, I am honored to provide you with an update on the ongoing budget cycle and the crucial decision regarding the Millage rate set to take place this September. Our finance team, dedicated to serving the community, has been working tirelessly to ensure that we strike a balance between maintaining essential services and upholding fiscal responsibility. In these challenging times, it is imperative that we allocate our resources wisely to sustain the quality of life we cherish in Wilton Manors.

Community Input Matters

I must acknowledge the input from our residents during this deliberative process. Your feedback and concerns have been crucial in shaping the proposed budget and the Millage rate decision. It is essential for me, as a public servant, to understand and represent the needs and priorities of our community.

There have been several public budget workshops throughout the summer and there are two more in September.

- September 12 (Friday) at 6:30pm - Public Budget Hearing at City Hall
YES, we work on Friday evenings for YOU!
- September 25 (Thursday) at 6:30pm - Final Public Budget Hearing at City Hall

Balancing Act

Wilton Manors is known for its welcoming atmosphere and strong sense of community. Preserving this essence requires sound fiscal decisions that prioritize investments in infrastructure and public safety, while ensuring that we do not burden our residents with unnecessary tax increases.

As we approach the Millage rate decision, the Commission faces a delicate challenge of striking the right balance. While I aim to maintain the current level of services that you rely on, I also recognize the financial constraints many of our residents may be facing. It is my responsibility to be mindful of economic realities while still planning for the city's progress and growth.

Transparent Process

Rest assured, my fellow residents, that I am committed to openness and transparency in this process. The city continues to communicate the progress of the budget cycle, ensuring that you are informed and engaged every step of the way.

As your Commissioner, I remain devoted to preserving the values and character of Wilton Manors while making informed and responsible fiscal decisions. I urge you to stay engaged in this process, voice your opinions, and work together towards building a brighter future for our cherished city.

Thank you for your ongoing support and trust.

I am honored and humbled to serve and represent you. 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 your comments. Our residents are why "Life's Just Better Here." Please know that I listen and care about our community just as much as you!



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- 2.) Visit <https://www.wiltonmanors.com/FormCenter/Town-Crier-16/Town-Crier-US-Mail-OPTOUT-89>
- 3.) Email community@wiltonmanors.com, or 4.) Simply give us a call at 954-390-2120

Current and past issues of the Town Crier can always be found here: <https://www.wiltonmanors.com/323/Town-Crier>

In case we've somehow missed your address, you can still opt-in for US Mailing of the Town Crier here:

<https://www.wiltonmanors.com/FormCenter/Town-Crier-16/Town-Crier-via-US-Mail-73>

Commissioner Don D'Arminio—Keeping You Informed: Development Updates



As your City Commission continues to plan for the future of Wilton Manors, I want to provide a brief update on several development projects taking shape in our community. Growth and change are inevitable in any vibrant city, and we're working to ensure that new development aligns with the character and values that make Wilton Manors such a special place to live.

Since I've joined the City Commission over 2 years ago, the City Commission has approved a number of projects that represent a diverse mix of housing and commercial opportunities. While some are moving ahead more quickly than others, each one has the potential to contribute positively to our city's long-term vitality.

One significant update involves the property formerly slated for the Shoppes of Wilton Manors. While the previously approved development, Wilma, is no longer moving forward, the site itself remains active. It has recently been sold to the Styles Corporation, who has already submitted conceptual plans for a new project. The proposed development leaves the Alibi/Hunters building intact. The vacant rear building will be replaced with 83 high-end condominiums, including a pool and gym, and 8 new retail spaces—right in the heart of our Arts & Entertainment District. Additional parking beneath the condominiums will be provided. It's an exciting opportunity to revitalize a key commercial area with modern design and improved street frontage.

Most recently, the Commission approved a new 50-unit townhome community by Lennar at the corner of NE 26 Street and NE 15 Avenue. These townhomes will be available for sale. This project will bring thoughtfully designed residential units to the city and will help meet the increasing demand for quality housing. Lennar is already working closely with city staff on the building permit process, and we look forward to seeing this project come to life soon.

In addition, a smaller luxury townhome development consisting of 18 homes, some with private pools, is currently underway on NE 9th Avenue. These townhomes will be available for sale. This project is progressing well and represents a continuation of the "small-town urban village" vision that guides our development decisions.

The Hotel approved behind Wells Fargo at 5-Points is also moving forward. The site plan includes 123 rooms & suites, with a rooftop pool & restaurant. The city is in the process of reviewing a demolition application for the existing building.

A residential rental building is approved on Andrews Avenue on the old Andrews Diner site. The approved project is for 54 residential units and two restaurants.

Finally, Kaplan Residential has been approved to build 190 residential rental units along with commercial space, across from the Metropolitan.

While some of the larger projects are taking longer to break ground than initially anticipated, it's important to understand that delays don't mean they are stalled or canceled. These developments often involve complex design, engineering, and permitting work behind the scenes. Rest assured, they remain active, and city staff continues to engage with developers to keep things moving forward.

As always, your input and engagement are critical as we shape the future of Wilton Manors together. We remain committed to ensuring that any new development supports our values, enhances quality of life, and preserves the character of our neighborhoods.

Please don't hesitate to reach out with questions or feedback. I appreciate the opportunity to serve and to keep you informed every step of the way.

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!

Plans for all development applications are available at: <https://www.wiltonmanors.gov/836/Development-Applications>.



The Supervisor of Elections Office will be present at City Hall in the lobby to provide voter registration information on the first Tuesday of (typically) every other month beginning April 1, 2025, until March 3, 2026, from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm.

Future Dates: ● October 7, 2025 ● December 2, 2025
● February 3, 2026 ● March 3, 2026

Commissioner Paul Rolli—Building a Smarter, Stronger Wilton Manors



We are currently working on preparing the city budget for next year. As we review the proposed budget, we’re seeing rising costs to deliver essential services. To maintain fiscal sustainability while managing expenses, we must carefully evaluate both our income and spending—and, more importantly, plan proactively for the future we want Wilton Manors to become.

One of my top priorities is fiscal sustainability. Our community deserves efficient services, vibrant neighborhoods, and a local government that works smarter—not harder. The goal is simple: maintain and improve the quality of city services without raising taxes. Achieving this means being strategic with our spending, prioritizing initiatives that offer long-term benefits, and constantly looking for ways to be more efficient. By doing this, Wilton Manors can continue to thrive financially while keeping the tax

burden fair and manageable.

The city’s employees are the backbone of progress. They work hard every day to keep Wilton Manors safe, beautiful, and well-run. By investing in our staff—giving them modern technology and skills—we can improve the quality of services delivered.

Technology is evolving fast, and cities that adopt smarter tools stay ahead. Wilton Manors can benefit tremendously by embracing innovations like artificial intelligence. These technologies can automate routine tasks, speed up decision-making, and free up staff to focus on higher-impact work. This means faster response times, better communication with residents, and a city government that runs more efficiently with fewer resources.

It’s essential to review our budget carefully and eliminate non-essential or duplicative services. By trimming what doesn’t add value, we can redirect funds toward investments that matter—like upgrading infrastructure, technology, fostering innovation, and supporting workforce development.

To raise revenue, we need better and controlled development to bring in more tax dollars. Wilton Manors has many properties that are underutilized or outdated. Redeveloping these spaces is a powerful way to boost our local economy. Updating and revitalizing these properties will not only increase city revenue but also attract new residents and businesses. This creates vibrant, livable neighborhoods that reflect the character and energy of our community. Revitalization is essential for the city’s growth and sustainability.

To ensure a sustainable and thriving future for our city, we need a clear vision backed by a thoughtful plan. For example, one vision of the future *could be*, a city that blends small-town charm with world-class amenities. Imagine the possibilities: a walkable Wilton Drive, art-filled boulevard lined with boutiques, cafés, and cultural venues, while East Wilton’s waterfront neighborhoods feature elevated, storm-resilient homes, lush greenways, and community docks along the Middle River. To the west, former industrial areas could be transformed into a creative-maker district with studios, breweries, and live-work lofts anchored by newer housing. The possibilities are endless.

As always, I welcome your thoughts and questions. Please feel free to reach out anytime at prolli@wiltonmanors.com or 954-595-8865. I’m always happy to connect.



WE’RE COMING TO
WILTON MANORS
CITY HALL

TO APPLY FOR A HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION,
YOU **MUST** HAVE COPIES OF THE
FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS:

For All Applicants:

- A valid Florida Drivers License OR Florida I.D. Card; AND Broward Voter Registration OR a Utility Bill; AND
- Social Security Numbers of ALL owners.

For Resident Aliens:

- Permanent Resident “Green Card”, OR proof of asylum, OR INS I-485 letter showing that application to convert to permanent resident status is complete.

ADDITIONAL TAX EXEMPTIONS ALSO AVAILABLE

- **Widow/Widower Exemption:** Bring a copy of your spouse’s death certificate, newspaper obituary, or memorial card.
- **Disability/Veteran’s Disability Exemption:** Ask us about the filing requirements for these exemptions.
- **Senior/Low-Income Exemption:** Requires at least one owner be 65 as of January 1, 2025. Note: Husband or wife may file on behalf of both. *(call for info on required documents)*
- See more exemptions listed at www.bcpa.net.

Taking Exemption Applications at Wilton Manors City Hall September 23, October 28 & November 18 12:30 p m — 2 p m
Contact the Mobile Exemption Team at 954-357-5579 or visit www.bcpa.net

Emergency Management/Utilities 954-390-2190

Investing in Our Future: Capital Improvement Projects

As climate change, aging infrastructure, and environmental challenges continue to impact South Florida, the City of Wilton Manors remains steadfast in its commitment to building a more resilient, sustainable, and livable community. Through a series of strategic **Capital Improvement Projects (CIPs)**, the City is enhancing critical infrastructure to protect public safety, preserve natural resources, and support long-term economic vitality. From stormwater management and traffic safety to utility system upgrades, each project reflects Wilton Manors' proactive approach to addressing today's needs while planning for tomorrow's challenges.

West Side Traffic Calming

In response to ongoing concerns from residents about traffic safety in neighborhoods west of North Andrews Avenue, the City conducted the **Westside Neighborhood Traffic Calming Study** to evaluate existing conditions and propose solutions. Following the study's recommendations, in July 2025, the City awarded a contract for the installation of **15 concrete speed tables and one raised concrete intersection** at key locations across the west side. These improvements aim to reduce vehicle speeds and enhance neighborhood safety for pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers alike.

Tidal Valve Program

To address the increasing threat of **tidal flooding and saltwater intrusion**, the City is actively evaluating all **88 stormwater outfalls** that discharge into the Middle River. These outfalls will be retrofitted with **one-way tidal valves** designed to block saltwater from backing up into the stormwater system during high tides. Current efforts include detailed field assessments of manholes and discharge pipes, along with the preparation of technical specifications and bid-ready designs. Construction, funded in part by a **\$1 million grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)**, is tentatively scheduled to begin in **spring 2026**.

Wastewater Lift Station Replacement Projects

Aligned with the City's **2020 Water, Wastewater & Stormwater Integrated Master Plan**, Wilton Manors is preparing for the replacement of **six wastewater lift stations** and over **3,300 linear feet of force mains**. These upgrades are essential to improving the capacity, reliability, and climate resilience of the City's wastewater infrastructure. Key features of the improvements include installation of larger-capacity pumps, backup power generators for improved reliability, and replacement of aging pipes with **high-density polyethylene (HDPE) pipes**, which are more durable and resistant to saltwater intrusion. Design is currently underway, with bidding planned for **early 2026** and construction anticipated to begin in **summer 2026**.

Wilton Manors West Ph 1 – NW 3rd Ave Water Main Replacement

This vital infrastructure project will replace over **one mile of aging water mains** along NW 3rd Avenue, between NW 26th Court and NW 29th Street. Existing 4- and 6-inch pipes will be upgraded to **6- and 8-inch water mains**, improving water pressure, system reliability, and reducing the risk of pipe breaks. The project is currently in the design phase, with bidding expected in **late spring 2026** and construction scheduled to begin by **mid-summer 2026**.

These projects underscore Wilton Manors' commitment to thoughtful, forward-looking investments that enhance public safety, environmental protection, and the overall quality of life for all who live, work, and visit the Island City.

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 the 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.

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



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.

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

PREPARING FOR KING TIDES

Each year, Wilton Manors experiences **seasonal high tides**—commonly known as **king tides**—that bring a recurring risk of flooding, especially to low-lying neighborhoods. These naturally occurring and predictable events can inundate streets, overwhelm the stormwater system, and cause temporary disruption to daily life. To minimize these impacts, the **City of Wilton Manors actively monitors tide forecasts** from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and implements proactive measures to protect public infrastructure and enhance community resilience. For 2025, NOAA has identified at least **33 days** on which king tides are expected.

Predicted 2025 King Tide Dates

- September 8 - 12
- October 5-12
- October 19 - 23
- November 2-10
- December 2-7

While these dates mark the highest likelihood of significant tidal activity, residents should be aware that localized flooding can occur outside these periods, especially when influenced by heavy rainfall, wind, and other atmospheric conditions. Even modest high tides can lead to street-level flooding when they exceed 1.3 feet North American Vertical Datum (NAVD)—the City's defined threshold for roadway flooding.

Rising sea levels are increasing the frequency and intensity of king tide flooding. Saltwater can infiltrate stormwater infrastructure, causing **backflow through street drains**, pooling on roads, and damaging property. As part of our climate adaptation efforts, Wilton Manors is investing in long-term infrastructure solutions to better manage and reduce flood risks.

In 2024, the City completed a **Sea Level Rise Vulnerability Assessment**, identifying areas of concern and recommending strategies for flood mitigation. A key solution is the use of **inline check valves** (also known as **tidal valves**), which prevent saltwater intrusion into stormwater drains. These valves seal when tidal pressure rises and reopen when tides recede, allowing rainwater to drain safely into the river.

The City is currently assessing all 88 stormwater outfalls that discharge into the Middle River. Design and engineering plans are underway to retrofit these outfalls with tidal valves. This important infrastructure initiative is being supported by a \$1 million grant awarded to the City by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), which will help fund construction and installation in the most vulnerable areas.

To reduce your risk during king tide events, the City encourages residents to take the following precautions:

- **Stay informed:** Sign up for local alerts and check NOAA tide predictions regularly.
- **Move vehicles to higher ground** in advance of high tide dates if your street may be impacted.
- **Avoid driving through flooded streets:** Saltwater can damage vehicles and can be unsafe to navigate if water levels get too high.
- **Protect your property:** Use sandbags or barriers around doorways and garage entrances if your property is prone to flooding.
- **Secure waste bins and outdoor items** to prevent them from floating away or blocking storm drains.
- **Report flooding:** Notify the City of recurring flooding locations.

Together, we can prepare for king tides and protect our community from the growing impacts of sea level rise.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY GRANT FOR TIDAL VALVES

We're proud to announce that the City of Wilton Manors has been awarded a Community Grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to support critical infrastructure improvements aimed at reducing flooding in our community. The \$1,000,000 grant, combined with \$250,000 from the City's drainage utility, will fund the installation of **tidal valves** at stormwater outfalls to help prevent backflow flooding during seasonal **king tides** and other high-tide events. These valves are a cost-effective, low-maintenance solution to help protect low-lying neighborhoods from recurring tidal inundation made worse by sea level rise. The project is currently in design with construction anticipated to begin in spring 2026. This project represents a major step forward in strengthening our community's resilience and safeguarding public health, property, and local infrastructure.

We thank the EPA for its support and will keep residents informed as the project moves forward.





Kiwanis

ATTENTION PARENTS and COLLEGE & VO-TECH STUDENTS!!
*The Kiwanis Club of Wilton Manors has scholarship **MONEY** for YOU*

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***.**

Deadline is 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 at 754-321-2032 or go here:

<https://browardedfoundation.org/what-we-do/educators/teacher-innovation-grants/>.

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

Evolution of the new theater on 26th Street

In early 1953 local promoter James Dean, with others, proposed a grand **Manor Gate Shopping Center**, — a \$4.5 million dollar (\$54 million in today's dollars) shopping/business development on the south side of 26th Street at the railroad crossing. It would include offices, shopping, a bank and a **movie theater**. Across the street would be a new City Hall. This was to be the centerpiece of Wilton Manors new "downtown".



By the **end of 1953**, what actually opened was a small, one-story strip shopping center consisting of *Williams City Drugs*, *Moore's Jewelry* and the office of Dean's *Florida Sun Life Insurance Company*. A second set of storefronts were added around **1956**, with the "anchors" being a *7-11* and *Downey's Donuts*. That same year a *second Dairy Queen* opened in an outbuilding on 26th Street.. A *Kentucky Fried Chicken* was added to the plaza around **1960**. With the addition of the KFC, Manor Gate became a gathering spot for local teens. This included "Chicken Hop" dance parties in the parking lot—with music by Fred

Hamill's (a la Hamill Firestone) *Green Onions* band.

At the **end of 1964** ads announce "the new Manor Gates Shopping Center welcomes the addition of an A&P Supermarket". [The A&P closed in **1975** and became *Westland Meats*, then the *Texan Family Restaurant* in **1976**, the well-known *Old Florida Seafood House* in **1977**, *Holy Mackerel* in **2020**, and *Wilton Collective* in **2024**.]

It took 18 years to fulfill Dean's vision of a movie theater in the plaza. The grand opening of **Manor Cinema** was announced in May **1971**. It was dubbed a "second-run theater", with 382 seats. Tickets were \$1.50 for adults and 75 cents for children. Popcorn was 15 cents and soda 10 cents. The first movie was Disney's "Aristocats". By **1983** Manor Cinema had become "**Manor Art Cinema**" and was described as featuring films with "adult and sexual themes". The date of its last screening is unclear.



1988 brings the first ad for "**Brian C. Smith's Off Broadway Theater on East 26th Street**" (yes, that was the name used in all of its ads). In **2001** the name was changed to "**Stage Door's 26th Street Theater**". The last ad was in December **2007** for "*Sisters of Swing – the Life of the Andrews Sisters*".

The venue remained dark until it was intermittently repurposed as "**Wilton Theater Auctions**" from approximately **2013** to **2015**.

It was abandoned and dark again for some ten years, until the recent announcement of the opening of WM's new multifunctional performance space, the **Gray Box Theater**.

To view our mini-archive of the Manor Gate Shopping Center, including never-before-published vintage photos and business ads, go to <https://wmhistory.org>, then click the **RECENT ADDITIONS** dropdown menu to download.

Wilton Manors Historical Society

Questions or comments? Email us at wmhs@WMHistory.org

Community Development Services (CDS) Department 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, remodeling (kitchens, baths, etc.), and reroofing.
- 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.

UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Development Applications

Current development projects that the city is processing can be found on the city's website via the Community Development Services page at: www.wiltonmanors.gov/131/Community-Development-Services, or you can also go there directly at: www.wiltonmanors.gov/836/Development-Applications. The Development Projects homepage provides a list of major projects in progress, while the linked spreadsheet (updated weekly) provides site addresses, a brief description of each project, and current project status.

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

Residential Irrigation Rebate Program

Get Paid to Save!



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!* Find out if you are eligible on the city's website here:

<https://wiltonmanors.gov/943/Residential-Irrigation-Rebate-Program> and link to the county's rebate program webpage to apply (or go direct to it here: <https://www.broward.org/irrigationrebate/Pages/default.aspx>). Limited funding is available on a first come, first served basis.



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

Chief Gary Blocker: *A Season of Gratitude in Our Island City*



As we continue through this year with determination and renewed focus, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude on behalf of the Wilton Manors Police Department. There are many reasons a police chief should be thankful—and I am reminded of them every day as I witness the strength, compassion, and commitment within our community and department.

First and foremost, I am thankful for the residents of Wilton Manors. Your vigilance, cooperation, and unwavering support play a crucial role in helping us deter, detect, and apprehend criminal activity. Whether it's a tip called in, a surveillance video shared, or simply neighbors looking out for each other, your involvement has a lasting impact on public safety. Together, we are proving that community policing is not just a philosophy—it's a partnership that works.

I am especially grateful for our Field Training Officers. Over the past 16 months, we have faced significant staffing challenges. Despite the challenges, these officers stepped up with passion, resilience, and an unshakable commitment to our future. They have worked tirelessly to train and mentor the next generation of officers, rebuild our ranks, and ensure our department remains strong and responsive. Today, we have only one vacancy!

To our sworn and professional staff—thank you. Your dedication to duty, professionalism, and service to this community do not go unnoticed. Whether you are answering 911 calls, responding to critical incidents, maintaining records, managing technology, or supporting the department in countless unseen ways, your work matters deeply.

I also want to acknowledge the continued support of our city leadership, elected officials, and partner agencies. Your collaboration allows us to expand services, modernize resources, and tackle complex challenges that affect our residents' quality of life.

Finally, I am thankful for the privilege of serving as your Chief of Police. It is an honor to lead a department of individuals who put others before themselves, and to serve a city where kindness, inclusion, and safety are community values—not just words.

As we look ahead, I remain optimistic. With your continued support, we will meet each challenge with resolve and keep Wilton Manors a safe, welcoming place for all.

CODE COMPLIANCE: Help Us Keep Our City Beautiful

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

By phone: 954-390-2151

Email to: codecompliance@wmpd.org

Or visit us online at: <https://www.wiltonmanors.com/349/Code-Compliance-Unit>



Did you know you can follow Wilton Manors on Facebook, X, Instagram, and our own YouTube channel?



<https://www.facebook.com/OfficialWiltonManors> <https://x.com/WiltonManorsCty>
<https://www.instagram.com/wiltonmanorsofficial/> <https://www.youtube.com/@WiltonManorsOfficial>

Lien Amnesty Program

The City of Wilton Manors is offering a **temporary** Lien Amnesty Program. This program began July 1, 2025 and will conclude June 30, 2026. This initiative is designed to encourage property owners to correct outstanding code violations while also providing a limited-time opportunity to resolve existing liens at a significantly reduced cost. Eligible **residential** property owners can receive the following reductions:

Application Period	Homesteaded Properties	Non-Homesteaded Properties
July 1, 2025 – March 31, 2026	90% reduction	75% reduction
April 1, 2026 – June 30, 2026	80% reduction	65% reduction

Commercial/non-residential properties and non-homesteaded residential properties of 3 or more units are ineligible for this program. For more information about this program including eligibility requirements and how to apply, please visit www.wmpd.org and search “Lien Amnesty”, or scan the QR code below.

Lien Reduction Program

The City of Wilton Manors continues to offer a Lien Reduction Program that is governed in Sec. 2-25 of the Code of Ordinances. Eligible property owners may apply for a reduction after all violations are corrected. For more information about this program, including eligibility requirements and how to apply, please visit www.wmpd.org, and search “Lien Reductions”, or scan the QR code below.

****IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR OWNERS OF NON-HOMESTEADED PROPERTIES****

ATTENTION NON-HOMESTEADED PROPERTIES ONLY: Florida law (FSS 162.09(3)) states, “After 3 months from the filing of any such lien which remains unpaid, the enforcement board may authorize the local governing body attorney to foreclose on the lien or to sue to recover a money judgment for the amount of the lien plus accrued interest”. The City is actively reviewing open liens for foreclosure consideration, and the City may choose to foreclose on your lien. We encourage non-homesteaded property owners to bring their property into compliance with the City’s Code and, if eligible, apply for the lien reduction program described above before foreclosure actions are considered.



Lien Amnesty Program:
<https://www.wiltonmanors.gov/993/Lien-Amnesty-Program>
 Lien Reduction Program:
<https://www.wiltonmanors.gov/856/Lien-Reductions>

If you need additional assistance, please contact Code Compliance Administrative Assistant Rachelle Malaczewski at 954-390-2151 or Code Compliance Officer Kim Holinko at 954-567-6062 (or email: codecompliance@wmpd.org).



Island City and Hagen Park Tennis Center NEWS

The Island City and Hagen Park Tennis Center would like to extend their deepest gratitude for the generous support of our tennis tournament held on April 26th. Our sponsors contributions not only elevated the event but also enriched our community, fostering a spirit of camaraderie and sportsmanship. The unwavering support has made a significant impact on our players and fans alike, creating memories that will last a lifetime. We look forward to continuing this partnership and achieving even greater heights together.

The tournament was an incredible success, bringing together a vibrant community of players, fans, and supporters. The courts were alive with energy and passion as players showcased their remarkable skills and sportsmanship.

Thank you once again for believing in our vision and for your invaluable support. Our local sponsors: The Pub, Ethos, Apt 9f, Tulio’s, Gym Bar, Union Kitchen & Bar, and Tennis Plaza.

With appreciation,
 Ayman Keindl, Tennis Director



LEISURE SERVICES 954-390-2130

Adult & Senior Programs

Senior Craft Creations

Join us for a fun and relaxing class designed just for seniors! Explore your artistic side with hands-on projects, meet new friends, and enjoy a creative afternoon. No experience required!

Location: Stafford Park & Nature Preserve (823 NE 28th Street, Wilton Manors, 33334)

Dates: September 11th - DIY Windchimes October 9th- Mason Jar Lanterns November 13th- Fall Suncatchers

Time: 2-3pm **Cost:** \$3 per class

Contact: For questions, call Stafford Park at 954-390-2115

Chair Yoga Empower Hour & Sound Therapy

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

Location: Island City Cultural Center (600 NE 21st Court, Wilton Manors, 33305)

When: Thursday's 10:30-11:30am

Cost: \$4 per class/Wilton Manors residents, \$5 per class/Non-Residents

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

Open Play - Ping Pong

Looking to have fun, stay active, and meet new people? Whether you're a beginner or a seasoned player, our Open Play Ping Pong Class is for you! Bring a friend or meet a new friend!

Location: Stafford Park & Nature Preserve (823 NE 28th Street, Wilton Manors, 33334)

Dates: Wednesdays, Starting September 3rd, 2-4pm

Woof & Wine

Bring your furry friends to Colohatchee Dog Park for an enjoyable evening of fine wine, snacks, and socializing with fellow dog lovers. In partnership with the Three Bridges Neighborhood Association, this is the perfect event to unwind with your pets and make new friends.

Date: Thursday, September 11, 2025

Time: 5-7pm

Location: Colohatchee Dog Park

More Info: <https://www.wiltonmanors.gov/691/Woof-Wine>



SENIOR Field Trips Fall 2025

55 & older. Transportation leaves and returns from Hagen Park Community Center, 2020 Wilton Drive

BUTTERFLY WORLD

Home to the largest butterfly park and bird park in the world, featuring 20,000 exotic butterflies and tropical birds in six giant screened aviaries.

Date: Tuesday, September 2 **Cost:** \$25 includes admission, guided tour and transportation

Location: Transportation leaves at 9:30am from Hagen Park

BAYSIDE MARKETPLACE MIAMI

A popular waterfront shopping, dining, and entertainment center in downtown Miami, Florida

Date: Thursday, October 16 **Cost:** \$5 includes transportation (shopping/dining on own)

Location: Transportation leaves at 9:45am from Hagen Park

TANGER OUTLETS PALM BEACH

Features over 120 stores and restaurants. The outlet mall is a popular shopping destination, attracting both locals and tourists seeking deals on designer and brand-name merchandise.

Date: Thursday, November 13 **Cost:** \$5 includes transportation (shopping/dining on own)

Location: Transportation leaves at 9:30am from Hagen Park

LEISURE SERVICES 954-390-2130

Upcoming Special Events

Family Halloween Fun, Games, and Movie Night

Join us for a spooky outdoor Halloween night, hosted with the Wilton Manors Elementary School PTA! Enjoy games, activities, tasty treats, and a family-friendly showing of "Hotel Transylvania" under the stars. Don't forget your blankets, lawn chairs, and costumes for a frightfully fun evening!

Date: Friday, October 17th **Time:** 7pm

Location: Wilton Manors Elementary School

More Information: Call 954-390-2130 or visit: <https://www.wiltonmanors.gov/149/Leisure-Services>

12th Annual Tropical Plant Fair 2025

Discover a world of tropical plants and gardening inspiration at the Equality Garden Club Plant Fair in Wilton Manors! Enjoy a vibrant weekend at Richardson Historic Park with dozens of vendors, unique plants, expert tips, and community fun for all ages. Don't miss this must-see event for plant lovers and garden enthusiasts!

Dates: Saturday, November 8 | 9am-5pm Sunday, November 9 | 9am-3pm

Location: Richardson Historic Park and Nature Preserve, 1937 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors, FL 33305

More Information: www.equalitygardenclub.com

Taste of the Island

Taste of the Island celebrates 20 Years in 2025 with a mix of our traditional evening of food and libation, plus fun and exciting surprises to mark the 20th celebration.

Date: Monday, November 17, 2025 **Time:** 6pm

Location: Richardson Historic Park and Nature Preserve, 1937 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors, FL 33305

More Information: www.tasteoftheisland.org

100 Years of the Carriage House

Join us for a centennial celebration of historic proportions as we wish Happy Birthday to one of the City's oldest buildings with an evening of hors d'oeuvres, beer, and wine.

Date: Thursday, November 20 **Time:** 6-8pm

Location: Richardson Historic Park and Nature Preserve, 1937 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors, FL 33305

Cost: Free

National Night Out



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 by gathering with our community on the first Tuesday in October. Come out and join our officers and professional staff as together we will make our community Island City Safe!

Date: Tuesday October 7, 2025 **Time:** 6-8pm

Location: Hagen Park - 2020 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors



Wicked Manors

Our 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 6-11pm and stretches from NE 21st Ct to N. Dixie Hwy. Traffic is blocked off to provide a safe space for costumed guests to celebrate and enjoy the revelries. This year's theme is "Eden After Dark". Tickets and more information at www.wickedmanors.org.

LEISURE SERVICES 954-390-2130

YOUTH and FAMILY PROGRAMS

Island City School Days Out

Location: Stafford Park & Nature Preserve (823 NE 28th St, Wilton Manors, 33334) (*formerly Island City Park Preserve*)

Days: 10/2, 10/13, 10/20, 11/21, 11/24, 11/25/2025

Grades: K (Entering)—5th

Hours- 8am-6pm

Register Here: Hagen Park Community Center- 2020 Wilton Drive or Stafford Park and Nature Preserve
823 NE 28th Street

For more information call 954-390-2130 or 954-390-2115

Kids Fitness Hour

This class is designed to incorporate fun activities that help your children stay active. Let's get up and get moving! Class includes circuit training, physical fitness, and outdoor fitness games.

Cost - \$10 per class

Registration Location: [Hagen Park Community Center- 2020 Wilton Drive, 954-390-2130 or Stafford Park and Nature Preserve- 823 NE 28th Street, 954-390-2115](#)

Online Registration - [Register Here \(https://flwiltonmanorsweb.myvscloud.com/webtrac/web/\)](https://flwiltonmanorsweb.myvscloud.com/webtrac/web/)

Class Location: Stafford Park and Nature Preserve; 823 NE 28th St, Wilton Manors, FL 33334

Days: Mondays & Wednesdays- 6:30pm-7:30pm, Last Saturday of each month 9am-10am

Contact: Kregnier@wiltonmanors.com or call 954-390-2115

Kid's Night Out

Get ready for a night of fun, games, dancing, and food – all for the kids. (No Parents Allowed!)

Ages- 6-10

Registration Location: Hagen Park Community Center- 2020 Wilton Drive, 954-390-2130 or Stafford Park and Nature Preserve - 823 NE 28th Street, 954-390-2115

Online Registration - [Register Here \(https://flwiltonmanorsweb.myvscloud.com/webtrac/web/\)](https://flwiltonmanorsweb.myvscloud.com/webtrac/web/)

When: 9/19, 10/24 & 11/14 **Time:** 6-8pm **Cost:** \$20

Class Location: Stafford Park & Nature Preserve - 823 NE 28th St Spots are limited – register early!

Island City Teen Club

Island City Teen Club offers a safe and fun environment that empowers teens to develop the core values of leadership, accountability, and a heart of service. The program includes gaming, trips, cultural arts, volunteer opportunities, and college and career readiness.

When: Tuesdays & Thursdays **Time:** 2-6pm

Location: Hagen Park, 2020 Wilton Dr, Wilton Manors, FL 33305 **More Information:** Call 954-390-2130

OT Waves Kayak Rentals

Explore the waterways of Wilton Manors with OTWAVES, your go-to kayak rental kiosk for an unforgettable paddling adventure. Conveniently located for easy access, we offer high-quality kayaks for all experience levels, perfect for cruising through scenic routes and spotting local wildlife. Whether you're a beginner or an avid paddler, OTWAVES makes it easy to get on the water. Rent a kayak today and ride the waves!

Location: Colohatchee Park Boat Ramp

More Info: www.otwaves.com email: otwaves@yahoo.com telephone: 954-513-4484

Island City 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: November 22 & December 13, 2025 and January 10, February 21, & March 14, 2026

Time: 8am-2pm

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

Vendor Reservations: Contact the Leisure Services Department at 954-390-2130 for space reservations

More Information: www.wiltonmanors.gov/418/Island-City-Yard-Sales



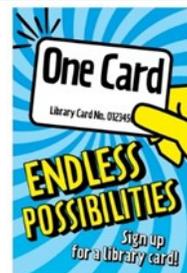
THE LIBRARY CORNER

500 NE 26th Street

954-390-2195

September is National “Library Card Signup Month!”

Don't have a Richard C. Sullivan Public Library of Wilton Manors library card? You're missing out on a world of learning and enjoyment! Help us celebrate September by visiting us to get yours!



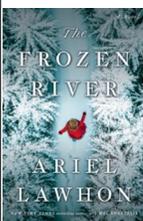
Learning Resource Spotlight: *Mango Languages*

Did you know that with your Wilton Manors Public Library card you have full access to one of the highest-rated language learning platforms available today? Via the Library website you can access *Mango Languages'* interactive platform from anywhere in the world by creating your own account and logging in with your library card! (wiltonmanors.gov/library)

- Over 70 world languages and more than
- 20 English courses
- Specialty Courses that cover a range of culturally specific topics
- Downloadable lessons for offline access
- Bluetooth syncing and auto play for hands-free learning
- Study reminders for staying on track
- Individualized accounts that allow you to track your progress



Adult Programs:



Our ever enthusiastic and always welcoming **Island City Book Club** continues meeting throughout the fall on the **second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 P.M.** Contact library staff as early as possible to let us know if you need a copy.

September 10th: *The Frozen River*, by Ariel Lawhon

“Maine, 1789: When the Kennebec River freezes, entombing a man in the ice, Martha Ballard is summoned to examine the body and determine cause of death. As a midwife and healer, she is privy to much of what goes on behind closed doors in Hallowell. Her diary is a record of every birth and death, crime and debacle that unfolds in the close-knit community.

Months earlier, Martha documented the details of an alleged rape committed by two of the town's most respected gentlemen--one of whom has now been found dead in the ice. But when a local physician undermines her conclusion, declaring the death to be an accident, Martha is forced to investigate the shocking murder on her own.” -- amazon.com

Check with library staff for titles to be discussed at our **October and November** meetings.

Youth Programs:

Children's Story Times, LEGO Nights and other programs continue through fall!

(Please call to confirm dates and times.)



Richard C. Sullivan Public Library of Wilton Manors, 500 Northeast 26th Street Wilton Manors, Florida 33305
954-390-2195 Visit us online at: wiltonmanors.gov/library

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY—UPCOMING EVENTS



The Friends of the Wilton Manors Library will hold its next lecture on Thursday, October 16, 2025. Our speaker will be Marion Fass a retired professor and a docent at the NSU Art Museum. She will be presenting “Is This Art? Appreciating Connections in Modern and Contemporary Art.” The program will be held at the Library starting at 7p.m. Our usual social time will begin at 6:30p.m. Hope to see you there!

The Friends next Book Tent will be at the City's Yard Sale in November.

If you have not renewed your membership for this year, please consider becoming a Friend and Supporter of our Library by picking up a Friends Brochure at the Library, Hagen Park, or City Hall and completing the membership form. You can also visit our website for more information about our organization and how to join or donate at: www.friendsofthewiltonmanorslibrary.org.

Become an Advisory Board Member!

The City of Wilton Manors is always recruiting residents, local business owners, and commercial property owners for volunteer positions on city boards and committees. WE WANT YOU to help maintain a membership that is reflective of our diverse community! Please access this link for board applications (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

Check out the Boards/Committees page of our website (or follow these hyperlinks) to find out which one is right for you!

[Financial Advisory Board](#)

[Parks and Recreation Advisory Board](#)

[Charter Review Board](#)

[Planning and Zoning Board](#)

[Community Affairs Advisory Board](#)

[Wilton Drive Improvement District](#)

[Historic Preservation Board](#)

[Wilton Manors Pension Board of Trustees](#)

[Library Advisory Board](#)

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).



Westside Neighborhood Association



WESTSIDE
ASSOCIATION OF WILTON MANORS

- The Westside Association held its Summer Quarterly Membership Meeting on July 23rd. We welcomed Handy, Inc. CEO Kirk Brown to tell us all about his organization, which is now headquartered in the Westside in the former Moss Construction Company Building on Andrews Avenue, and the services they offer to the community. Sergeant Michael Littleton from WMPD presented the latest crime statistics and spoke about the Island City Outreach Plan and Code Compliance Officer Kim Holinko educated our members about the new Lien Amnesty Program. Thank you to everyone who attended!
- We're already looking forward to planning our Fall social—be sure to keep an eye on your email and our Facebook page (facebook.com/WestsideWilton) for details.
- Our final Quarterly Membership Meeting of the year is scheduled for 7pm Wednesday, October 22nd at the Hagen Park Community Center. Doors open at 6:30pm for light refreshments and socializing. We look forward to seeing you there ... and don't forget ... bring a friend!

Our membership is the core of WAWM's strength and our purpose for being. We would love to have you join us, learn more about the benefits of being a member at <https://www.wawm.org/join-us>. Also, please let your friends & neighbors know about us and encourage them to join.

Neighborhood Associations—Continued



Central Area Neighborhood Association

Our next quarterly meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 8, at Hagen Park. Our social will start at 6:30pm, and the meeting begins at 7pm.

CANA is dedicated to addressing the local, day-to-day issues that directly affect our neighborhoods—matters often overlooked by national or state-focused news outlets.

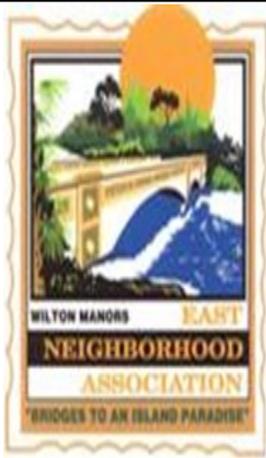
We're actively monitoring and sharing updates on redevelopment and infrastructure projects, including redevelopment projects, such as the Shoppes of Wilton Manors, will be available as soon as we know details and we continue to follow and communicate on projects, including the progress on the Broward County N. Andrews Avenue resilience project, as well as other projects

in progress throughout Wilton Manors.

Your voice matters. We welcome your questions, concerns, and ideas. How can we strengthen our community? What opportunities or challenges should we tackle together to make Wilton Manors the best it can be?

Visit us on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/809346362998126>,

On the internet at: <https://www.canawm.org>, or email us at: membership@canawm.org



Wilton Manors East Neighborhood Association

The East Neighborhood Association of Wilton Manors, Inc. (ENA) will have its next meeting on September 18th at 7pm in Independence Hall on NE 26th Street. We will have a presentation from Mayor Scott Newton about our neighborhood and the City, as well as updates from the Police and Code Enforcement about issues important to our community.

Our next ENA quarterly NE 26th Street Clean-up will be on Saturday, September 20th. We meet at 10am in the parking lot of the Board of Realtors on NE 26th Street. Please come and help us keep our neighborhood clean. It usually takes less than one hour and is a great way to get some exercise, meet your neighbors and make our neighborhood look better!

As always, if you have any questions about our neighborhood or the meeting, please contact me: John R. Fiore, President East Neighborhood Association of Wilton Manors, Inc. at 954-564-3821 or email to: jrfiorefla@gmail.com

Three Bridges Neighborhood Association of East Wilton Manors



Wilton Manors will see exciting changes soon. Lennar Homes will be breaking ground on the new town home project. A new event space, The Gray Box Theater, is under construction and will be opening in the plaza on NE 26th Street. The long-awaited hotel is progressing. The owners of the Shoppes at Wilton Manor have proposed redevelopment at that site to include more retail and 83 luxury condominiums. Three Bridges is committed to attending the development meetings and providing our neighbors with timely news and pertinent information about our neighborhood including updates to these projects.

Three Bridges will again be sponsoring Woof and Wine at Colohatchee Park on Thursday September 11 from 5-7pm. Bring your pups (or just yourself) and share some wine and appetizers.

Please join us for the upcoming Three Bridges General Membership Meeting: October 29, 2025, 7pm Hagen Park Community Center. Networking begins at 6:30pm.

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

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



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