



Life's Just Better Here

Town Crier

Your Guide To What's Happening In The Island City

WINTER 2025/2026

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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
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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 9
(No meeting, December 23)
Tuesday, January 13 & 27
Tuesday, February 10 & 24

City Offices will be closed:

Thursday, Dec 25, Christmas Day
Thursday, Jan 1, New Year's Day
Monday, Jan 19, Dr. MLK, Jr Day
Monday, Feb 16, Presidents' Day

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-Dec	Tues 2-Dec	Mon 8-Dec	Wed 17-Dec	Mon 26-Jan	Wed 11-Feb	Budget Review
Wed 7-Jan	Meets Quarterly	Mon 12-Jan	Wed 18-Feb	Meets Quarterly	Meets Quarterly	No Meetings This Quarter
Wed 4-Feb		Mon 9-Feb	Every 2 Months			

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 15, January 19, and February 16**

SOUTH/EAST regular garbage pickup days are **Tuesday & Friday**, your bulk trash days are: **Tuesday, December 16, January 20, and February 17**

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

Condominium bulk pickup (quarterly): December 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: The Winter Season



As we enter the winter season and approach the end of another year, I'm reminded of what makes Wilton Manors such a special place to call home—our strong sense of community, our spirit of inclusion, and the joy we find in celebrating together. The months of December, January, and February bring some of the most meaningful and festive moments of the year, and I invite you all to take part in the many events and activities that make our “Island City” shine even brighter during the holidays.

On December 4, the city will host the Holiday Lighting Ceremony at Flippen Park—a heartwarming evening filled with lights, music, and togetherness as we officially welcome the season. The celebrations continue throughout December, including the Island City Yard Sale at Hagen Park on December 13 (and again on January 10 and February 21), and of course, one of our most beloved traditions, Santa by Sea, will return to the Middle River on December 10, bringing joy and smiles to children and families along the riverbanks as Santa waves from his brightly lit boat. Be sure to see the Holiday Concert at Mickel Park on December 19 (7pm) and Winter Wonderland on December 20 (10am-12pm) at Hagen Park. You can always find the latest event information on the city's website at www.wiltonmanors.gov.

While the holidays are a time of celebration, they also remind us of the importance of giving back and connecting with those around us. I encourage everyone to lend a helping hand—whether by donating to a local food drive, volunteering at one of our city programs, or simply checking in on a neighbor who might need a little extra holiday cheer.

As we move into January and February, our focus turns toward renewal and community. Join us for Leisure Services' winter programs—from fitness and art classes to youth sports and library programs—that keep residents of all ages active and engaged throughout the season. These months also offer a chance to reflect on our shared goals as a city and look forward to new opportunities to grow together.

On behalf of the City Commission and all our dedicated employees, I wish you and your loved ones a joyful holiday season and a bright, healthy, and prosperous new year. Together, we'll continue to make sure Life's Just Better Here!

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 snewton@wiltonmanors.com.

Vice Mayor Chris Caputo—Striving to Be the Best in Every Sense of the Word



As your Vice Mayor, I am driven every day by a simple but powerful vision: for Wilton Manors to be the best city it can possibly be—vibrant, inclusive, innovative, and truly reflective of the people who call it home. “Best” is a big word, but in Wilton Manors, I believe it's an achievable one. Our city may be just under two square miles, but our ambition, creativity, and heart are far larger.

When I talk about wanting Wilton Manors to be “the best,” I don't simply mean the best-maintained streets or the most efficient services—though those remain essential priorities. I envision a community where excellence is baked into every aspect of our civic life. That means public safety that residents can count on, infrastructure that supports our future, parks and green spaces that

enrich our daily lives, and a local economy that is resilient, diverse, and forward-thinking.

But being the best is also about something deeper: fostering a community where every resident feels valued, heard, and empowered. One of the things that sets Wilton Manors apart is our culture of inclusion. We celebrate our diversity—not as a slogan, but as a lived experience. I want to continue building a city where people from all walks of life know they belong, where neighbors support one another, and where civic engagement is encouraged at every level.

Striving for excellence also means embracing innovation. Whether it's investing in technology that improves city operations, supporting environmentally sustainable practices, or exploring creative solutions to long-term challenges, I believe Wilton Manors can lead by example. Our size gives us agility; our residents give us inspiration.

Ultimately, my desire for Wilton Manors to be the best is rooted in gratitude for this extraordinary community. We are a small city with a big spirit, and together we can continue to build a place that reflects our highest hopes for what a community can be. I am committed to working tirelessly to help us get there—and I invite every resident to join me in that shared pursuit.

Commissioner Mike Bracchi— Here to Serve and Represent You!



As we enter a new fiscal year here in Wilton Manors, I want to share a brief update on the recently adopted FY 2025-26 budget — and why I was the lone dissenting vote.

BUDGET-AT-A-GLANCE — FY 25-26

- Total Budget: ≈ \$65.8 million
- Millage Rate: 6.3931 (≈ 3% tax rate reduction)
- Reserves: ≈34% of the General Fund budget (≈ 2x recommended)
- Staffing Trend: Fewer total employees for the third consecutive year

The overall size of our new budget is historic. And yes — there are positives. Residents will see a millage rate reduction, we maintain one of the strongest reserve positions of any small city in Florida, and the city continues to increase efficiencies to help reduce staffing levels.

Those are wins.

At the same time, rising operational costs are real — and growing faster than many residents may realize. Insurance, maintenance, capital materials, utilities — these categories are not stabilizing, they are continuing to climb. I believe we could have delivered more tax relief while still protecting our core services.

That is why I voted “no” — not because the budget lacked strengths, but because I believe the City could have done better.

My focus remains clear:

Every dollar spent must produce direct value for our residents — not bureaucracy, not bloat, not comfort spending.

The budget is a step — but not the destination.

There is more work ahead.

As we move into the holiday season, I hope you enjoy time with the people who mean the most to you — and please stay safe. Our streets, events, and nightlife will be especially active over the coming months. Take care on the roads, watch for pedestrians, and celebrate responsibly!

Life in our Island City is special — and it is always worth protecting.

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, businesses, and visitors 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—The Value of Living in the Island City



One of the most rewarding aspects of serving as your City Commissioner is seeing firsthand the tremendous value our residents receive for their investment in the City of Wilton Manors. While our community is small in size, the range and quality of services we provide are truly exceptional—and the financial benefits of being a resident here extend far beyond what meets the eye.

Our city takes great pride in offering top-tier municipal services that keep Wilton Manors clean, safe, and beautiful. From reliable waste collection and recycling programs to street and park maintenance, every resident benefits from efficient and cost-effective city management.

Did you know that seniors are eligible for a 10% discount on garbage collection services? Visit <https://www.wiltonmanors.gov/documentcenter/view/8172> for the senior discount application.

Our dedicated police department provides responsive, community-based public safety, ensuring our neighborhoods remain among the safest in Broward County.

Residents also enjoy access to outstanding leisure and recreation programs free or at reduced resident rates. The Hagen Park Community Center, Stafford Park, Mickel Park, and the Richardson Historic Park and Nature Preserve host everything from fitness classes and youth programs to concerts, festivals, and special events—all helping to build community while offering affordable entertainment and enrichment. Visit <https://www.wiltonmanors.gov/538/Activities-Events> to learn about our free or low-cost programs and events. Our Richard C. Sullivan Public Library is another gem, offering free access to books, technology, and programs for all ages.

Our City also offers residents an annual resident parking permit for only \$60. It's deeply discounted from the \$2 per hour parking fee in our City lots. The permit allows our Wilton Manors residents (free) parking at 6 city-owned and operated parking lots (with the exception of special events). To purchase your Parking Permit, please visit the office located at 517 NE 21st Court (Mon -Friday).

Living in Wilton Manors also brings unique environmental and quality-of-life benefits. Our investment in sustainability, walkability, and green infrastructure not only enhances property values but also reduces long-term costs for residents. City initiatives like our stormwater improvements and energy-efficient upgrades ensure we're protecting both our community and our natural resources for future generations.

Perhaps most importantly, being a resident of Wilton Manors means being part of a city that listens, engages, and reinvests locally. Your tax dollars stay right here—supporting projects, programs, and services that directly benefit our residents and businesses.

When you add it all up—the safety, beauty, amenities, and sense of community—the return on living in Wilton Manors is clear. We're more than just a city; we're a family of neighbors who invest together in ensuring Life's Just Better Here in the Island City.

Wishing you and your family, or chosen family, a healthy and happy holiday season and best wishes for the new year!

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!



Broward County Supervisor of Elections Office

The Supervisor of Elections Office will be present at City Hall in the lobby to provide voter registration information on the following Tuesdays from 10am – 1pm.

- Future Dates:
- December 2, 2025
 - February 3, 2026
 - March 3, 2026

Visit their website at <https://browardvotes.gov>

Commissioner Paul Rolli—Planning for an Unpredictable Financial Future



Although we can't predict the future with certainty, we can — and should — prepare for potential external impacts on our financial future.

The first step in our plan to generate additional revenue without burdening existing taxpayers, was to strengthen the City's long-term financial position by updating the development code to stimulate development and increase our tax base. Initially, many developers came forward with projects, all of which were approved.

However, only some of these projects are moving forward due to several external challenges, including tariffs, a shortage of construction labor, and tighter financing conditions. These factors, which were not present when the code changes were adopted, have created uncertainty in both the pace and scope of new development. Thus, the resulting property tax revenue from new development has not yet been realized.

Adding to this financial uncertainty is the State's DOGE office reviewing county and municipal spending that could impact local budgets. Also, there are several State level proposals circulating to reduce local property taxes.

While property taxes can be a significant expense for residents, they also fund many local services and programs — the very things that make our community safe, livable, and vibrant. Should a tax reduction measure pass, the city will need to adjust its budget accordingly.

The city has two primary options: reduce spending — which could mean difficult cuts to programs — or identify new sources of revenue, although those opportunities are limited. To navigate these potential changes effectively, we must begin now to identify and prioritize what matters most. We have already begun implementing Artificial Intelligence (AI) in our operations on a small scale to increase efficiency and reduce costs.

Essential services such as police and fire protection, solid waste collection, and water and sewer infrastructure will remain top priorities. To ensure the City's long-term health we must also take a thoughtful, proactive approach to balancing necessary services with the community programs that enhance our quality of life.

Maintaining fiscal security will require City leadership — and all of us — to think creatively and collaboratively. Planning today will help us meet tomorrow's challenges with stability, transparency, and shared purpose.

I wish everyone the happiest and healthiest of holidays and new year. Let's keep building the future—together. 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.

NEW Saturday Hours at Hagen Park Community Center!

Beginning November
1st, the Hagen Park
Community Center will
now be open from
8am-2pm on Saturdays

NEW Tennis Memberships available!

In addition to our annual
tennis memberships, we
are now offering 3 month
and 6 month memberships
at Hagen Park

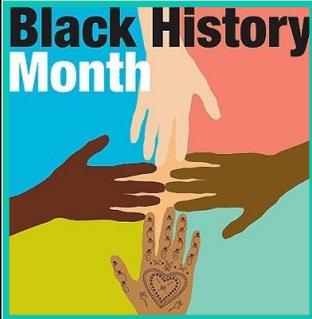
NEW Hours of the Richard C. Sullivan Public Library of Wilton Manors!

Monday: 10am-6pm
Tuesday: 10am-6pm
Wednesday: 12pm-8pm
Thursday: 10am-6pm
Friday: 10am-4pm
Saturday: 10am-2pm
Sunday: CLOSED

Contact Leisure Services at 954-390-2130 with any questions or concerns regarding this information and be sure to check out pages 14 to 17 of this issue for details on our Adult & Senior Programs, Youth & Family Programs, and upcoming Special Events.

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, 2025.**

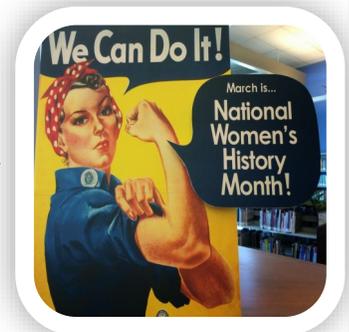
Nominations will be reviewed in the CAAB meeting on January 7, 2026, and presented in the Commission Meeting on January 27, 2026.

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, 2026.

Nominations will be reviewed in the CAAB meeting on February 4, 2026, and presented in the Commission Meeting on February 24, 2026.

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 for both Black History Month and Women's History Month:

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, 2025, AND NOMINATIONS FOR WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH HONOREES ARE DUE BY JANUARY 15, 2026.**



Coming up next, we will be accepting nominations for the **Skip Stadnik Community Spirit Awards**, to recognize outstanding volunteerism in the city during the 2025 year. Nominations for this program are also available at City Hall and via the CAAB webpage noted above. **These nominations are due March 15, 2026.**

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>.

Emergency Management/Utilities 954-390-2190

Recycle Your Christmas Tree with the City of Wilton Manors!



Once the holidays are over, let us help you give your Christmas tree a second life! The **City of Wilton Manors** is pleased to offer **free curbside pickup of Christmas trees** on your regular **bulk pick-up day throughout the month of January**. Simply check the **2026 Collection Schedule** to find your designated pick-up date.

Before placing your tree at the curb, please be sure to **remove all decorations**, including **lights, ornaments, tinsel, and tree stand**. This helps ensure that the trees can be properly processed and recycled.

All collected trees will be taken to the **Waste-to-Energy Plant**, where they will be **converted into clean, renewable energy** — turning holiday cheer into something that continues to benefit our community and environment!

Thank you for helping keep Wilton Manors beautiful and sustainable all year long! 🌿

Secure Shredding Event

When: Saturday, January 24, 2026
9—11 a.m.

Where: City Hall/Hagen Park Parking Lot
2020 Wilton Drive—Wilton Manors, FL 33305

The City's **solid waste, recycling, and household hazardous waste contractor, Coastal Waste & Recycling**, has partnered with **The Red Shredder** to provide a **free, secure, and confidential document shredding service** for residents. The Red Shredder utilizes **cross-cut shredding technology** to ensure the highest level of document security. All shredded paper is **diverted from the waste stream and recycled into new paper products**, supporting the City's commitment to sustainability.

In addition, **on-site hard drive punching** will be available during the event for the safe and permanent destruction of digital data.

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

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

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



2026 Collection Schedule Magnet Distribution

In **December**, the **City of Wilton Manors** will mail the **2026 Collection Schedule Magnet** to all **residential service addresses**. This convenient reference includes collection schedules for **trash, recycling, bulk pick-up, and household hazardous waste**, organized by the **Southeast and Northwest** service zones. It also lists the dates for the City's **two shredding events** and **quarterly condominium bulk pick-ups**.

Residential **bulk pick-up dates** are displayed by **month** and **color-coded** according to your designated **Collection Zone**.

If you do not receive your magnet by the end of December, please contact the **Utilities Department** at **954-390-2190**. For information regarding **multi-family, condominium, or commercial property collections**, please contact **Utility Billing** at **954-390-2145**.



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ATTENTION PARENTS and COLLEGE & VO-TECH STUDENTS!!

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

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.**

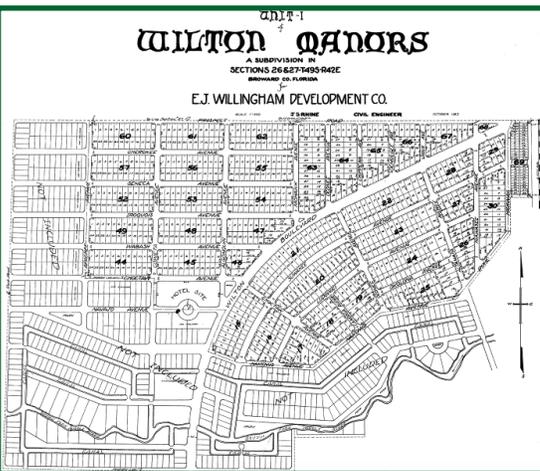


ATTENTION TEACHERS Teachers at **Wilton Manors Elementary** and **Somerset Academy** – we have endowed annual grants for you too, through the Broward Educational Foundation, approximately \$6,000/year. For teacher grant questions, call Coco Burns at 754-321-2032 or go here:

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

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

Commemorating the Centennial of the Founding of “Wilton Manors”



The founding of Wilton Manors came on **October 26, 1925** when **E.J. Willingham** filed the plat for **“Unit 1 of Wilton Manors”**.

Willingham was semi-retired as a successful farmer, banker, manufacturer and philanthropist from Macon, Georgia. His vision for *Wilton Manors* was an upscale residential suburb—*“Fort Lauderdale’s Beauty Spot”*. He reserved 40 acres for his own estate home and farm on the site. The entrance gateway was built, streets were paved, and lighting installed — but the 1926 hurricane and The Great Depression upended his plans for further development.

WMHS, in collaboration with Leisure Services, recently commemorated the **centennial of Willingham’s legacy and vision** for Wilton Manors with a reception at the Carriage House. This included the unveiling of interpretive markers (below) in the Richardson Historic Park parking lot — which document the story of what remains of the site of his homeplace. Visit them the next time you are there to see the details! Can’t wait to learn more? You can download them from our website at: <https://tinyurl.com/WM100yrs>.

The Willingham Estate
E. J. Willingham, a successful farmer, banker, and manufacturer arrived from Macon, Georgia in 1923. His first local land development was Lauderdale Beach (on AIA south of Oakland Park Blvd).
In 1925 he platted Unit 1 of *Wilton Manors* as an upscale residential suburb—*“Fort Lauderdale’s Beauty Spot”*; reserving 40 acres for his home and farm. But a 1926 hurricane and The Great Depression upended his plans. He returned to Macon, leaving “right-hand-man” Perry Mickel as custodian of the property.
In 1938, golf course designer George Richardson, Sr. bought the 40-acre estate from the E. J. Willingham’s heirs. Here he built the third golf course in Broward County.
Around 1970 the Richardsons sold some 35 acres—to be developed as the Manor Grove Village Condominiums.
In 2002 the City of Wilton Manors purchased the remaining 5/8 acres to become this park.

The urn-stand (bottom left corner) and the Carriage House (mid-right) in this 1926 photo, are now the last vestiges of Willingham’s Wilton Manors homeplace.

This urn-stand, along with the Carriage House, are the last vestiges of the 1925 homeplace of Wilton Manors founder E. J. Willingham.

Willingham Estate after the 1926 Hurricane

Carriage House

The Willingham Carriage House
The Carriage House is believed to be the oldest surviving structure in Wilton Manors. It and the adjacent home were built around 1925-1926 by the city’s founder E. J. Willingham. [While both survived the devastating 1926 Hurricane, the estate home, unfortunately, had to be demolished in the 1980s.] Briefly, Willingham, then for nearly a decade, Perry Mickel and family lived on and farmed the 40-acre property. The “Carriage House” ground floor served as a barn and the second-floor provided basic housing for farm/estate workers.

From the Richardson Golf Course

When the Richardson Golf Course opened at the end of 1939, the ground floor remained a barn/maintenance area. The small structure on the right was added as a take-out lunch counter for golfers. In front was another addition—variously described as a “caddy shack” or a laundry room.
The upstairs was converted into a complete one-bedroom apartment, with a living room, kitchen and a bathroom. Over the years it was occupied either by snow-bird guests or various Richardson family members.
Beginning in late 2013 WMHS and the City collaborated on an adaptive-reuse restoration plan for the building. With various funding valued at over \$300,000 (including community donations and labor), the ground floor restoration was completed in 2017. It now serves as a popular event venue. Restoration of the upstairs awaits its re-design and funding.

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



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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/WiltonManorsCity>
<https://www.instagram.com/wiltonmanorsofficial/> <https://www.youtube.com/@WiltonManorsOfficial>

Wilton Manors Police Department



CITIZEN'S POLICE ACADEMY

January 29 - April 2
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



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See our flyer for this exciting program on the previous page!

**CITIZENS
POLICE
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Enrolling
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For more information, please visit:

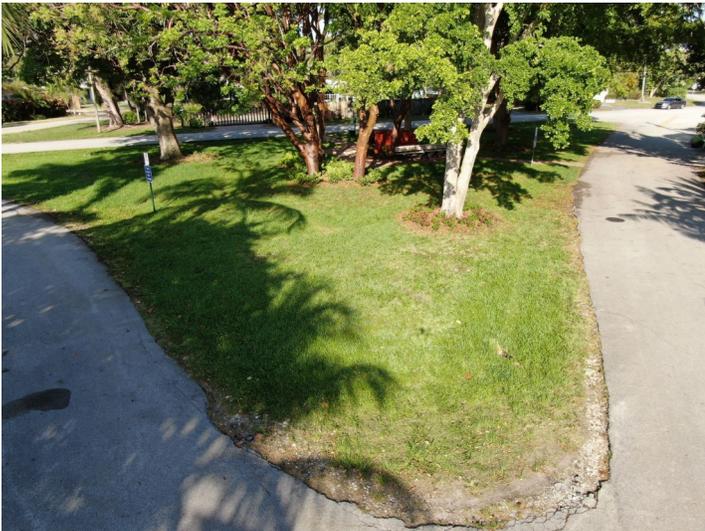
<https://www.wiltonmanors.gov/709/Citizens-Police-Academy-CPA> or the Police Dept. lobby.

Contact Officer Gary Grande at 954-390-2150

or email ggrande@wmpd.org or info@wmpd.org

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

Parking on Grass and City Swales in Wilton Manors



Wilton Manors takes pride in keeping our neighborhoods safe, functional and attractive. As part of this effort, we remind our residents that parking regulations help protect both private property and public spaces.

In residential areas, vehicles, trailers, and boat trailers may not be parked directly on grass within the front yard setback. These must be parked on an approved hardened surface—such as concrete, asphalt, or pavers. This helps preserve the charm and appearance of our neighborhoods, while preventing damage to lawns and property values. Properly maintained driveways and parking areas also help reduce dust, erosion, and drainage problems.

The swale is the gently sloping, grassy area between the street and your front yard. It is more than just green space.

It plays a vital role in managing stormwater runoff by allowing rain to soak into the ground instead of flooding streets and yards.

Property owners are responsible for keeping their swales clean, unobstructed, and free of debris. Parking vehicles on a swale is prohibited because it compacts the soil, reduces drainage capacity, and can lead to localized flooding. Likewise, paving, filling, or building over the swale is not allowed. Any landscaping in this area should be minimal to ensure that the swale continues to serve its important drainage function.



By following these parking and maintenance guidelines, residents help protect our infrastructure, reduce flooding risks, and maintain the unique beauty that makes Wilton Manors such a special place to live.

For more information on residential maintenance standards, residents are encouraged to consult the city's website at www.wiltonmanors.gov or contact the Code Compliance Unit at 954-390-2151.

LEISURE SERVICES 954-390-2130

Adult & Senior Programs

Chair Yoga Empower Hour & Sound Therapy

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

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

When: Thursdays 10:30am to 11:30am

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

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

Ashtanga Yoga

Ashtanga Yoga is a dynamic form of yoga that links breath, movement, and mindfulness. Classes include the use of verbal cues, hands on assists, and visual demonstration to help you find the best approach practice for you.

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

When: Tuesdays 9:30am to 10:30am

Cost: \$10 for 1 class or \$80 for 10 classes.

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

Brains and Balance

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

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

When: Wednesdays 10am to 11am

Cost: Wilton Manors Residents free/ Non-Residents \$3

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

Open Play Day Ping Pong

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!

Location: Stafford Park and Nature Preserve (formally Island City Park Preserve) 823 NE 28th Street

When: Wednesdays, 2pm to 4pm

For more information call 954-390-2115

Golden Tiles for Seniors

Join us at Stafford Park & Nature Preserve (formally Island City Park Preserve) for a friendly game of dominoes. Rediscover the joy of play in this welcoming domino class for seniors. Learn the timeless game, practice your skills, and connect with others in a warm, relaxed setting.

When: Every Tuesday Starting January 13th, 11am to 12pm

Class Location: Stafford Park and Nature Preserve 823 NE 28th Street, 954-390-2115

Cost: Free

For more information call 954-390-2115

Aces Over 60

Hold your cards tight while dealing out laughs, luck and fun. Card games included but not limited to Rummy, Gin Rummy, Canasta Pinochle and more. Come out and join the fun!

When: Every Thursday- Starting January 15th, 1pm to 2pm

Location: Stafford Park & Nature Preserve (formally Island City Park Preserve) 823 NE 28th Street

LEISURE SERVICES 954-390-2130

YOUTH & FAMILY PROGRAMS

Island City Teen Club

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

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

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

More Information: Call 954-390-2130

Elite Basketball Training with Coach Reggie

Level up your game! This basketball training is for ages 9-15. Offering a range of basketball drills, team building, social skills and a confidence boost. No experience required.

Dates: January 10 & 24, February 14 & 28, March 14 & 28, & April 11

Time: 9am to 11am

Class Location: Stafford Park & Nature Preserve (formally Island City Park Preserve) 823 NE 28th Street

Cost: \$10 per class

For more information call 954-390-2115

Spring Camp 2026

Our Spring Adventure Camp is a highly structured and action-packed five-day camp with the ultimate fun-filled experience. The program is sponsored by the City of Wilton Manors Leisure Services Department and is planned and supervised by our certified Recreation and Childcare Professionals. Any child in K-5th grade may participate. We offer indoor and outdoor activities and planned field trips. For more information call 954-390-2115 or email leisureservvices@willtonmanors.com

Camp Location: Stafford Park & Nature Preserve (formally Island City Park Preserve) 823 NE 28th Street

Dates: March 16-20, 2026

Kids Fitness Hour

Designed with your child in mind. This class incorporates fun ways for your children to stay active and connect with peers. Let's get up and get moving! Class includes circuit training, physical fitness and outdoor fitness games.

Price: \$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

Class Location: Stafford Park and Nature Preserve- 823 NE 28th Street

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

For more information call 954-390-2115

SPECIAL EVENTS

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 4, 2025 **Time:** 6:30pm **Location:** Justin Flippen Park, Wilton Dr/21st Ct

More Info: <https://www.wiltonmanors.gov/416/Holiday-Lighting-Ceremony>

Santa by Sea Look the water... is it a manatee? Is it a yacht? NO, it's Santa Claus! This Wilton Manors tradition is like no other holiday event in Broward County. Santa will take to the Sea from Colohatchee Park Boat Ramp (1975 NE 15th Ave.). Santa will sail around the Island City with his elves to spread the holiday cheer. Be sure to come out to Colohatchee Boat Ramp to meet and greet with Santa or if you live on the water, come out and say hello.

Date: Wednesday, December 10, 2025 **Time:** 5pm **Location:** Waterways

More Info: <https://www.wiltonmanors.gov/420/Santa-by-Sea>

LEISURE SERVICES 954-390-2130

SPECIAL EVENTS—CONTINUED

Woof & Wine

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

Date: Thursday January 8, 2026 **Time:** 4pm-6pm

Location: Colohatchee Dog Park

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



Movie Night at Mickel Park

Join us on the Westside of Wilton Manors for a special free screening of West Side Story under the stars! Concessions will be sold

Date: Friday January 9, 2026 **Time:** 7pm

Location: Mickel Park

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

Movie Night at Richardson Park

Join us under the stars for a timeless classic! Bring your blankets, lawn chairs, and your favorite snacks for a cozy evening at Richardson Park as we screen the iconic comedy Some Like It Hot. Follow the hilarious misadventures of two musicians on the run who disguise themselves as women and join an all-female band—only to meet the unforgettable Sugar Kane, played by Marilyn Monroe.

Date: Friday February 13, 2026 **Time:** 7pm **Location:** Richardson Park

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

South Florida Pride Bands Holiday Concert

Get in the holiday spirit with South Florida Pride Bands Holiday Show. Enjoy some holiday music with friends and family. Please bring your own chair or blanket and refreshments.

Date: Friday, December 19, 2025 **Time:** 7pm **Location:** Mickel Park **Cost:** Free

Mickel Park Concert Series

Are you ready to rock? The concert series is back and packed with talent. Please bring a lawn chair or blanket. BYOB. Concession available. For more information, please call 954.390.2130

1969 Band (Hits from the year 1969)- January 16, 2026. 7:30-9:30pm

East Amber Drive (Pop and Rock Hits)- February 20, 2026. 7:30-9:30pm

Life in Technicolor (Coldplay Tribute Band)- March 20, 2026. 7:30-9:30pm

Island City –Wide Yard Sales

Join us for the final City of Wilton Manors Yard Sale of the season! Shop a variety of items including linens, clothes, furniture, antiques, plants, and collectibles. For more info, call (954) 390-2130 or email leisureservices.com

Dates: January 10, February 21, & March 14, 2026 **Time:** 8am-2pm

Location: Hagen Park Community Center

Wilton 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 20, 2025 **Time:** 10am-12pm

Location: Hagen Park, 2020 Wilton Drive

More Info: <https://www.wiltonmanors.gov/629/Wilton-Wonderland>



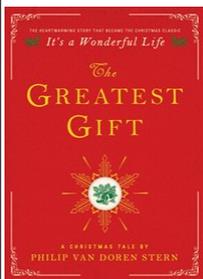
THE LIBRARY CORNER

500 NE 26th Street

954-390-2195

Adult Programs:

Our ever-enthusiastic and always welcoming **Island City Book Club** continues meeting throughout the holiday season and into the New Year on the **second Wednesday** of each month at 6:30pm.



December 10th: The Greatest Gift by Philip Van Doren Stern

Do you love Frank Capra's classic Christmas movie *It's a Wonderful Life*? Discover and discuss the short story this famous movie was inspired by, written by author Philip Van Doren Stern!

This special holiday book club meeting shall be hosted in the cozy home of one of our longest-serving book club members; please contact the Library for address.

January 14th: The Names by Florence Knapp

Follow the emotional journey of this proud multi-generational family and discover the significance something as simple as a name can have. Meeting to be held at the Library.

February 11th: Title to be announced—meeting to be held at the Library.



Youth / Family Programs:

**HOLIDAY
BUILD A BEAR**



Join us for our family-fun Holiday Build-a-Stuffed-Animal event **Wednesday, December 17 at 6pm!**

(Limited number of kits available, registration required. Recommended for children ages 4-8.) Attendees must Pre-Register in person at the Library or call 954-390-2195.

Children's Story Times, LEGO Nights and other programs continue through the New Year!



NEW PROGRAMS ON THEIR WAY!

Keep in touch with your Richard C. Sullivan Public Library of Wilton Manors for news of soon-to-be announced fun, interactive, and educational programs for children and adults coming in the New Year!

Sign up for City of Wilton Manors weekly e-news email blasts: www.wiltonmanors.gov/555/Get-In-Touch

View the Library events calendar: www.wiltonmanors.gov/calendar



(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, January 22, 2026. Our speaker will be a Nature and Gardening expert through the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences. Look for our flyer advertising the specific topic on our website or at the library in the upcoming months. The program will be held at the Library starting at 7:00 p.m. Our usual social time will begin at 6:30 p.m. Hope to see you there!

The Friends Book Tent will be set up at the City's Yard Sale on Saturday, December 13, 2025 and January 10, 2026. Our Book Fair will be held on Saturday, February 21, 2026 inside the Hagen Park Community Center. A huge selection of books, DVDs, Music CDS and puzzles for adults and children will be available at drastically low donation prices. All proceeds from these Book Events benefit our Public Library of Wilton Manors

The Friends annual membership drive begins on January 1, 2026. 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. www.friendsofthewiltonmanorslibrary.org

The Friends is also planning a fundraiser in February to help raise funds for our City Library. Look for more information about this event in the coming months.

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!

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| 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 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.

- We are pleased to announce that the 4th Annual Westside Winter Wonders House Decorating Contest will be judged on Monday, December 8th. It's not too late to start planning your innovative decoration schemes, as we look for the "best dressed" holiday home exterior. 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place prizes will be announced in our Newsletter, on Facebook (www.facebook.com/WestsideWilton) and on our website. Participation is open to all residents on the Westside of Wilton Manors. Entry is free and pre-registration is encouraged but not required. Please visit <https://www.wawm.org/winter-wonders> for more information.

- The Westside Association will be operating the concession stand at Mickel Park for several upcoming City events. All proceeds from sales benefit our neighborhood. The Holiday Concert will be held on December 19th, a movie will be shown on January 9th, and the LIVE @ Mickel concert series is being held on January 16, February 20 and March 20. We are looking for a few volunteers to help. If interested, please email wawm.org@gmail.com.
- WAWM is switching from PayPal to Zeffy for collecting membership payments (excluding cash/check/Zelle). The month that your membership is due to renew, you will receive an email from us with instructions on how to enter your payment information in Zeffy to renew your membership. Thank you in advance for helping us with this transition.
- Our first Quarterly Membership Meeting of 2026 is scheduled for 7pm Wednesday, January 28th 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, January 14, at Hagen Park. Our social will start at 6:30pm, and the meeting begins at 7pm. Our January meeting will include the election of the CANA Board, and we're looking for new board members! If you'd like to get more involved in your community, please email membership@canawm.org to express your interest.

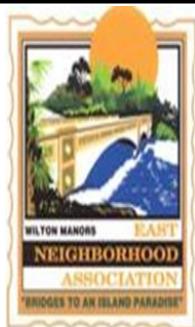
CANA focuses on the everyday issues that directly affect our neighborhoods—the ones often overlooked by national or state-focused news outlets.

We'd love to hear your ideas, questions, and concerns.

How can we make Wilton Manors even better together?

Stay connected: 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 be hosting its annual Holiday Party on December 11th at Independence Hall on NE 26th Street. The party begins at 6pm and will include dinner, desserts, beer, wine, and non-alcoholic beverages. The cost is free to ENA members and \$10 (cash or check) for non-members. Residents can also pay their 2026 membership fee at the party.

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 10th, the Wilton Manors Police Boat will lead Santa Claus on his boat around our city. Santa will leave Colohatchee Park at 5:30pm. 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 on January 22nd (7pm/Independence Hall). At this meeting we will be electing new officers. There will be three 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 19th.

On January 31st we will have our next NE 26th Street Clean-up. We meet at the Board of Realtors parking lot and spend less than 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 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



Three Bridges was a proud supporter of this year's Halloween Spooktacular event this past October 17th at Wilton Manors Elementary School. We had fun greeting the kids, enjoying the costumes, and handing out candy.

Three Bridges will again be sponsoring Woof and Wine on Thursday January 8 from 4-6pm at Colohatchee Dog Park. There will be snacks, wine and music. Come join us with your pups and have a glass (or 2) of wine on us.

Our next general membership meeting is scheduled for Wednesday January 21, 2026 at 6:30pm in the Cultural Center (formerly Woman's Club). Please note that under the recent Florida Court ruling, open carry of firearms must be allowed at our meetings. We have reached out to Chief Blocker for advice on this matter to ensure our safety. Please check our website and email for further updates.

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, 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>.



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

Life's Just Better Here

Your Guide To What's Happening In The Island City



Call for Artists!

The Public Art Continuum: A Reflection of Our Place & Time

In celebration of the Broward Cultural Division's 50th Anniversary of its public art program, Art Gallery 21 will present an exhibition that showcases Broward County's public art journey – past, present and future.

SUBMIT A PHOTO of your artwork with the entry fee to artgallery21wcm@gmail.com by 6 PM on FRIDAY, JANUARY 3, 2026. You will be notified if your entry is accepted by Monday, January 5, 2026.

Complete Rules & Entry Form available at artgallery21.org

OPENING RECEPTION & AWARDS
Saturday, January 17, 2026 | 6 to 8 PM

Art Gallery 21

ISLAND CITY CULTURAL CENTER
600 NE 21 Court, Wilton Manors, FL 33305
954-225-5488 | artgallery21.org

ART: Travel Series Florida Vacation by Francie Bishop Good
Located at South Regional Family Success Center, Hollywood

Presented with support from



Exhibit Open Free To The Public thru February 14, 2026
Thursday, Friday & Saturday, 2-6 PM and by appointment