

December Meeting

It was a lively group at the holiday party on December 11th at Georgie's Party room.

Members and guests who attended included **Audrey Arbuckle**, Realtor; **Virginia Flaherty**, About Town Lock & Safe; Vice-Mayor **Ted Galatis**, Attorney; **John Speciale**, Enhance Your Habitat; **Diane Hutcheson**, Wilton Manors Nursery; **Edie Hambricht**, Angelworks; **Louis Shuster**, Shuster Design; **Susan Sistare**, Star Electric Cars; Rick & Sherry Miller, Barton & Miller Cleaners; Wilton Manors City Manager **Joseph Gallegos** and **Hope**; Mayor **Scott Newton** and **Cindy Newton**; **Sandra Mahadeo** and **Mike Zealy**, Wood Trends; State Representative **Jack Seiler**, Attorney; **Doug Blevins**, Infinite Realty; **Marilyn Reed**, MLR Designs; **Ray Thrower**, Colonial Bank; **Lou Blum**, CCSI; Carl Watson; Jackson Padgett, Five Points Development; Mark Negrete, Bill's Filling Station; **Fred Fejes**, FAU; **Celeste Ellich**, First Services Realty; **Maragarothe**, Cold Air Comforte; **John Albert**, Waste Management; **Frank and Miriam Moise**, The Medicine Shoppe; **Vanessa Kortalidis** and **Kathy Schklair**, Island City Chiropractic; **King Wilkinson**, Red's Bar; **Hana Phillips** and **Toby Fleming**, Days Inn Oakland Park; **Ilene Schnall**, Attorney; **Maggie Gunther** and **Wade Shrack**, Florida Drapery; **Jan Crouse**, Wilton Manors Elementary; City Commissioner **Joe Angelo**; **Brad Vogelback**, Schnall & Cadagan; and **Alan Renzer**, SunTrust. Wilton Manors Elementary School was able to distribute the exciting toys members and guests brought to selected students.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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Wilton Manors Business Association

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Next Meeting

Monday, January 8th, 2007

PLACE
Hagen Park Recreation Center
2020 Wilton Drive

PROGRAM
A Healthy Start To The New Year

SPEAKER
To Be Announced

TIME
Networking 6 -6:30 PM • 6:30 PM Meeting begins

Refreshments Provided • Members & Guests Are Welcome
Further information check www.wiltonmanorsbusinessassociation.com

Purpose

To Attract & Promote Businesses within Wilton Manors.

GOALS:

- A. Attract new and more customers to existing Wilton Manors area shopping.
- B. Attract new types of business to existing storefronts.
- C. Promote inter-commerce trade between Wilton Manors businesses.
- D. Encourage interaction between city officials and business leaders.
- E. Help promote the small town image with advantages of big city surroundings.

Message from the Board of Directors

Dear Members;

If you're like most people you celebrated well into the New Year through the wee hours and by this point your hangover is history.

So now is the time to the focus on your New Year Resolutions.

- Your number 1 New Year Resolution should be some involvement with the Wilton Manors Business Association.
- Your number 2 Resolution is to help your fellow Wilton Manors Business owners increase their business by patronizing their services.
- Your number 3 resolution is to be more involved in the Wilton Manors community by participating in one of the Wilton Manors Civic projects.

Being involved makes everyone feel good, but most importantly gives you a sense of civic pride.

Let's make this year our best ever.

Alan Renzer

On behalf of the Board of Directors



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Year 2007

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(PLEASE RETURN WITH YOUR \$50.00 LISTING FEE FOR YEAR 2007 PUBLICATIONS)

Fee covers 1 listing in new directory.

A sales representative will contact you for other listings

LISTING INFORMATION

THIS IS A (circle one) **RENEWAL** **NEW MEMBER**

BUSINESS NAME: _____

CONTACT: (listed in directory) _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ZIP _____

PHONE (note area code must be included): _____

FAX NUMBER (not for publication): _____

E-MAIL: _____

WEB SITE: _____

LISTING CATEGORY: _____

BUSINESS DESCRIPTION: _____

HAS YOUR INFORMATION CHANGED FROM LAST YEAR? Yes No

SIGNATURE: _____ *Please Attach Business Card

DATE: _____ PAID BY: **CASH** **CHECK #** _____

WE APPRECIATE YOUR BUSINESS AND SUPPORT

MAIL TO: WILTON MANORS BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

P.O. BOX 24332 FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33307-4332

Call VIRGINIA FLAHERTY at 954-566-8957

Payment fees must be in by April 15, 2007 to be listed in the printed directory.

STOP: Don't throw this away if you have already paid. Pass it on to another friendly business owner

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Greetings from the Mayor

An Alternative Approach To A Traditional Downtown

In 2006, the voters of Wilton Manors approved a \$6 million bond for the design and construction of a new municipal complex to include a City Hall and Police Station. Since that time, the City Commission has contracted with the consulting and architecture firm, HDR, to evaluate options for development of the City's property between NE 20 Street and NE 21 Court. HDR will assist in the planning and construction phases of the municipal complex and will determine the feasibility of a real estate partnership with the private sector to create a mixed-use development adjacent to the municipal complex to help create the town center many residents want. This type of public-private partnership may allow the City to maximize its Wilton Drive frontage, enhancing the downtown district by creating a pedestrian-oriented town center that is guided by the needs and wants of the community.

Wilton Drive has traditionally been the central commercial core of the City of Wilton Manors and the community has supported an attractive city center in the downtown district that provides entertainment, shopping and dining opportunities in a pedestrian-friendly environment. The City's current municipal building is sorely inadequate and needs to be replaced. That fact provides a timely opportunity to accomplish both of the above goals; by utilizing the City-owned property to enhance the downtown and provide an attractive, functional City Hall and Police Station.

HDR has been commissioned to work in two phases; the first being to develop the building program for the municipal complex. This has included determining the building's spatial needs, essentially depicting sizes and locations of departments and internal traffic patterns. The next step within this phase is to determine a preliminary budget estimate of the construction costs. HDR is scheduled to make a presentation before the City Commission on January 23rd to review this phase of work. The Commission has not voted on any plan for the City Hall development and no part of any plan being considered will include the destruction of the City's new community center located within Hagen Park.

The second aspect of HDR's work is to test the feasibility, both practical and financial, of developing a mixed-use town center on the Wilton Drive site. Although the architectural renderings prepared as an option for development prior to the March elections showed no commercial/residential buildings, the surface parking area with significant frontage on Wilton Drive was left to provide an option for future downtown development in the event the Commission desired to pursue that in the future. Of course, an essential component of development under that plan would be a parking structure that could provide significantly more parking for both the municipal complex and the entire Wilton Drive entertainment and dining district. We have no more land to add surface parking. The shortage of parking along the corridor is an established need that this project could accommodate.

Overall design for both the site plan and the buildings is of extreme importance to the community and the future of Wilton Drive. Through the Wilton Manors Main Street organization, many volunteer design professionals and other City business leaders have been involved in developing design guidelines to specifically address urban design within the Wilton Drive corridor. The firm HDR is uniquely sensitive to the development issues of Wilton Manors because their development group includes noted local architect, Anthony Abbate, who was the lead in developing the Broward County Community Design Guidebook, using Wilton Manors as a demonstration area. Those design principles will be utilized in the planning of the site to achieve a sense of place, enhance economic development on the Drive, and make the development visually attractive.

As this project moves forward, HDR and the City will facilitate community meetings to receive input with respect to building design and the best combination of open space, entertainment, activities, shopping and a new municipal complex. Everyone is welcomed to attend the City Commission meeting on Tuesday, January 23rd where HDR will present the space needs and internal diagram for the City Hall and Police Station.

With best regards,
Scott Newton
Mayor of Wilton Manors

2007 Membership Renewal

It is time for WMBA membership renewals. Please use the application in this newsletter to renew your membership for 2007. Additional information regarding advertising in the 2007 "At Your Service"

directory coming out in July, 2007 will be available next month. Your \$50 membership fee includes 1 listing and your newsletters, monthly meetings, member list in the Town Criers delivered 6 times per year.