



Next WMBA Meeting

Monday, January 14, 2008

Time: 6:00 PM Networking
6:30 PM Meeting Begins

Location: Hagen Park 2020
Wilton Drive

Program: Updates on Wilton
Manors with Joseph Gallegos, City
Manager

WMBA Purpose and Goals

Purpose:

To Attract & Promote Businesses
within Wilton Manors.

Goals:

Attract new and more customers to
existing Wilton Manors area
shopping.

Attract new types of business to
existing storefronts.

Promote inter-commerce trade
between Wilton Manors
businesses.

Encourage interaction between
city officials and business leaders.

Help promote the small town
image with advantages of big city
surroundings.

Wilton Manors Business Association January 2008 Newsletter

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WMBA Board of Directors Message

Dear Members,

What's On the Drawing Board?

Mark your calendar for our January meeting, which will be held January 14th at Hagen Park Community Center.

We are fortunate to have as our guest speaker Joseph Gallegos, City Manager along with some of the division heads from the City of Wilton Manors. Come to hear about the exciting improvements currently being considered for several Wilton Manors locations.

In addition to an excellent networking opportunity this would be a golden opportunity to ask questions about the future of Wilton Manors.

Looking forward to seeing you on the 14th.

Alan Renzer - *On behalf of the Board*

New City Hall/Public Safety Complex - By Wayne Thies, Community Services Director

The City Commission at a special meeting on December 18th selected MBR Construction to enter into a contract for the design/build of a new city hall/police station on the Hagen Park site fronting Wilton Drive.

After viewing two quality presentations the Commission supported staff's recommendation that MBR would be the best firm to provide the city with a quality, cost efficient, on time construction that will give a presence on Wilton Drive that the city can be proud of, as well as quality work space for city employees. MBR was the prime contractor for the recently completed improvements to the Richardson Historic Park and Nature Preserve which was deemed a great success.

The new facility will be constructed on Wilton Drive in the southern portion of the current municipal parking lot allowing the city to continue to operate in the old city hall during the 18 month construction period. This construction will cause a temporary loss of valuable parking for the Drive; but upon completion the demolition of the current city hall/police facility will relieve this temporary challenge. Also during the construction period, the Commission has agreed to study further the possibility of entering into a public/private development partnership for the area of the old city hall and Rothe's property. The structure/s would be limited to low to medium density and would include a parking structure. This potential partnership would result in providing income to the city to repay the construction bonds alleviating the city taxpayers of this burden, while also further stimulating the Wilton Drive "Main Street" concept.

The proposed cost of construction slightly exceeds the \$7 million dollar budget but it is hoped that with some minor adjustments the contract will be finalized in January allowing construction to begin as early as next April. The architectural style that was presented to the Commission may still be adjusted slightly but is a bold "Island Style" that is meant to be compatible with both the Hagen Park Community Center and the new construction that is appearing along the "Drive." The completion of this project in 2009, along with the adjacent "Wilton Park" mixed use development which is just beginning construction, will further compliment the amazing renaissance of downtown Wilton Manors.

Welcome New Members

Tani's Hair Design

Tani Davis
2390 Wilton Drive
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954-568-4717

Cypress Financial Group/Met Life

Adrienne Burnikel
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Ft Lauderdale, FL 33309
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(financial/estate planning/insurance,
domestic partnership specialist)

More information on these and all our members can be found on our website:

WiltonManorsBusinessAssociation.com

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Patrick Vandemark, Tom Zerella
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954-568-5841

Have your business associates join WMBA anytime during the year. Applications can be downloaded from our web site.

WMBA Member Spotlight

The Bedpost Furniture Store
3001 NE 6th Ave. · Wilton Manors, FL 33334
954-564-5100

The Bedpost Furniture Store in Wilton Manors located at 3001 N.E. 6th Avenue is family owned and operated and has been since 1984. They have long been know for serving the south Florida area with their deep discounted prices on brand name furniture. Everything from mattress's, living room and dining room sets to futons, daybeds and accessories can be found at the Bedpost.

Store hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 10 to 7, Wednesday and Saturday 10 to 5 and Sunday 12 to 5.

So stop by and see why they're known as the biggest little furniture store in South Florida. Trust us, your wallet will appreciate it.

NE 26TH Street Median Project

After some unanticipated delays, a beautification plan for the NE 26th Street residential corridor east of NE 19th Avenue to Coral Gardens Drive will be starting Monday, January 7th, 2008.

W. Jackson & Sons Construction Co. will be constructing a median along the project area and we expect the project to be completed in mid-March.

The median will be landscaped similarly to those along Wilton Drive and Powerline Road.

Wilton Manors City Events

The **Main Street Green Market** is back for the season. Check out the produce on the 3rd Saturday of each month at the new Richardson Historic Park & Nature Preserve, 1937 Wilton Drive from 8 AM - 2 PM.

The **Island City Yard Sale** will also be open during the season on the 2nd Saturday of each month at Hagan Park Complex at 2020 Wilton Drive from 8 AM - 2 PM. The Friends of the Library has a tent full of great used books and videos to browse and purchase for one of the best bargains around.

Also mark your calendar for Saturday, February 9th when the Friends will have their semi-annual major book sale inside Hagan Park.

For further information call Wilton Manors Leisure services at 954-390-2115 or check the web at www.wiltonmanors.com and select Leisure Services Department.

Visit WMBA on the web!
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Message from the Mayor

First, let me extend my best wishes to all of our businesses for a happy; healthy and very prosperous new year.

Although 2008 is starting out with several challenges indicating that the economy will be a bumpy ride indeed for the first few months at least as housing continues to slow and the sub-prime mortgage melt-down is beginning to affect even the most solid of the financial institutions. We continue to be very fortunate here in Wilton Manors as the majority of our entertainment venues and development initiatives continue to move forward. This combined with a robust visitors and convention business, spells a quickly recovering market in south Florida.

In closing just a word about the late January "tax reform" referendum, be an informed citizen and read as much about it as you can and vote!

Scott Newton

Mayor of the City of Wilton Manors

December Party

A festive time was had by all who attended the WMBA Holiday Party at Georgie's Alibi on Monday December 10th. The children at Wilton Manors Elementary School who received gifts from your generous donations truly appreciated them. The appetizers were wonderful and the drinks were plentiful.

Members and guests who networked while partying included **Michael Murphy**, Photographer; **State Representative Jack Seiler**, Attorney; **Audrey Arbuckle**, Realtor; **Karen Charron**, **Julie Slater**, **Carol Pacheco**, and **Lucia Gagliano** from Chic Optique; **Brad Vogelbaum** and **Ilene Schnall**, Schnall & Codogan Law; **Sherry and Rick Miller**, Barton & Miller Cleaners; **Marcia and Bernie McIntee**, Kalis McIntee Funeral, **Keha Velezquez** and **King Wilkinson**, Red's Bar; **Bob Magnatta**, The Bed Post; **Gerard Andrews**, Wilton Manors Main Street; **Ron Severson**, Eastern Financial; **Virginia Flaherty**, About Town Lock & Safe; **Bill Mattax**, Mattax.net; **Owen Kaufman**, OK Promotions; **Commissioner Joe Angelo**; **Fr John Joseph Reid**, Divine Mercy; **Lou Blum**, CCSI; **Julia Davis**, Angelworks; **Mayor Scott Newton and Cindy Newton**, Quality Interiors by Scott; **Celeste Ellich**, First Service Realty; **David Ellich**; **City Manager Joseph Gallegos** and **Hope Gallegos**; **Wynn Fesperman**, Tri Square Building & Construction; **Sandra Mahado** and **Kristin Guven**, Wood Trends; **Jack Kosko** and **Kac Smith**, Pride Mortgage; **Alan Renzer**, SunTrust; **Vice-Mayor Ted Galatis**, Attorney; **Tom and Margarethe**, Cold Air Comfort; **Tom Runyan** and **Paul Schaeffer**, Runyan Law Firm; **Principal Mark Narkier** and **Jan Crouse**, Wilton Manors Elementary School.

Join Us in February

Our February meeting will feature Josh Winston, the Tourism Sales Manager for the **Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention & Visitors Bureau**. The discussion for Monday, February 11th will focus on what the Convention & Visitors Bureau does, how each business owner can be a part of what we do, and finally what the bureau is doing, specifically in the GLBT market to help promote Wilton Manors as a tourism destination within Greater Fort Lauderdale. Time and location will be announced.

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Small Business Assistance Grant Program

The City of Wilton Manors is pleased to provide financial assistance to qualifying businesses in Wilton Manors to enhance their "curb appeal." This is a matching grant program, administered by the Community Affairs Advisory Board (CAAB) and is available to locally owned businesses.

Applications are submitted for approval to the CAAB. If approved, the Community Affairs Advisory Board will match a portion of the cost of the enhancement after the project is satisfactorily completed and inspected. Additionally, free design assistance is available through the Wilton Manors Main Street, Inc., even for businesses not located on Wilton Drive or NE 26th Street. Small businesses located in Wilton Manors are eligible to apply

The Community Affairs Advisory Board will match up to \$1,000 of the "out of pocket" cost of materials and labor. The Community Affairs Advisory Board may assist the applicant in obtaining "in kind" contributions, but will not match the value of these contributions.

The project must enhance the "curb appeal" of the business. Projects may include:

- Storefront renovation
- Painting
- Awnings
- Signage
- Decorative Lighting
- Landscaping and Planters

Maintenance and repairs are not eligible. Interior renovations are not eligible. The project must be visible from the street.

The resources of Wilton Manors Main Street, Inc. are available to applicants. Their Design Assistance Committee is comprised of professionals who will, at no cost, provide assistance with design, and color and materials selection. They may provide "before" and "proposed" computer renderings of the project.

Free paint may be available through Broward County for the project. The Wilton Manors Business Association may also provide a cash contribution to the project.

Applications are available at the Wilton Manors City Hall and at the Wilton Manors Main Street, Inc. office, located at 2205 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors.

Completed Applications should be delivered to the Wilton Manors City Hall to the attention of the Community Affairs Advisory Board.

Applications will be considered at regularly scheduled public meetings of the Community Affairs Advisory Board.

Grant funds are paid to grantees on a reimbursable basis after the project has been completed and inspected by the Community Affairs Advisory Board.



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