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WILTON DRIVE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

**Doug Blevins, Chair • Daniel Keester, Vice Chair
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Dear Wilton Drive Property Owners:

As the Chairman of the Wilton Drive Improvement District (WDID), I wanted to update you on the Board's progress, programs and efforts over the past year. First of all, we have continued to work with the city, county and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) as plans progress for the Wilton Drive Lane Reduction. This has been a very detailed and intricate process with many entities involved. It has been the WDID Board's goal to offer our input where possible, to ensure the most successful outcome for this project.

In case you missed our public meetings with FDOT or the recent open house presentations, we have encouraged public input and the planning specialists are taking those comments into consideration as much as possible. Keep in mind Wilton Drive is still under the jurisdiction of the state and FDOT. We are grateful that the State, along with the Metropolitan Planning Organization is funding the majority of the construction and infrastructure changes which are estimated around \$3.7 million. However, as we progress there will be costs that we will have to cover as a city which include landscaping, street furnishings and additional aesthetic elements. That is where the Wilton Drive Improvement District and your tax dollars will potentially make the biggest impact to the new and improved Wilton Drive.

Much of our first year costs were administrative such as city staff, legal costs and general start-up costs associated with the formation of the board. However in the past year, the WDID board has taken on the following projects to help improve your district, the Wilton Drive Corridor. First, we contracted a power washing company to clean the sidewalks of gum, dirt and stains along the entire Wilton Drive. Since then we have contracted a cleaning company to walk the drive and pick up trash and debris every Monday and Friday to help keep our Drive looking nice for guests, residents and business owners. Most recently we contributed \$10,000 to the Wilton Manors Entertainment Group to help produce the Stonewall Festival and Parade. In addition, our board members participated in an Economic Impact Survey during the Stonewall Festival, which provided valuable information about the impact of the festival on business and tourism for our city and Wilton Drive in particular.



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As we move forward we will keep you posted on the progress of the Wilton Drive Lane Reduction and estimated construction dates and timeline. We invite and encourage you to attend our monthly meetings, held the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm in the Commission Chambers at City Hall, 2200 Wilton Drive. In addition, we are hoping to get email contacts for you or your designated representative. You may reach Pamela Landi, Assistant City Manager by email at PLandi@wiltonmanors.com so that we can get an accurate database of contacts for each of you.

Thank you and feel free to contact me or Pamela Landi with any questions or concerns.
Happy Fall and here's to a great Winter Season!

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Interested in the WDID? The Board meets on the 2nd Wednesday of every month in the Commission Chambers at 6:30 p.m.

The 2018 Meeting Dates are:

January 10, 2018 • February 14, 2018 • March 14, 2018

April 11, 2018 • May 9, 2018 • June 13, 2018

July 11, 2018 • August 8, 2018 (Likely Public Hearing)

September 12, 2018 • October 10, 2018

November 14, 2018 • December 12, 2018

Learn more about the WDID at:

<http://www.wiltonmanors.com/502/Wilton-Drive-Improvement-District>