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**City of Wilton Manors to Celebrate Grand Opening of  
Splash Pad in Mickel Park**

**Wilton Manors, Florida** (January 8, 2018) - Renovations of Mickel Park are now nearly completed with a kid-friendly component that will provide endless hours of fun in the Island City. The [City of Wilton Manors](#) invites everyone to come out on Friday, January 19, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. to join city and county officials for a ribbon cutting ceremony to unveil the new school-age playground and splash pad at Mickel Park (2675 NW 7<sup>th</sup> Ave., Wilton Manors, FL 33311).

“Renovating and repurposing Mickel Park has been an important priority,” said Mayor Gary Resnick. “This has been a great success with Mickel now enjoying widespread use by our residents. Thanks to grants from Broward County and support from County Commissioner Tim Ryan, and the State of Florida, Mickel Park has a brand-new playground and now an interactive water feature that will be enjoyed by our youth for years to come. We hope kids and adults of all ages will join us as we officially open the Island City’s newest amenity.”

The splash pad is one of several Mickel Park improvements paid for by a \$356,752 grant the City secured from Broward County’s 2000 Park and Open Space Trust Fund in 2016. Other add-ons to the park include new energy-efficient LED lighting for the ball field and multi-purpose fields, reducing energy costs by \$18,000 annually; and an electric vehicle charging station to top off your vehicle while enjoying the walking trail and outdoor fitness zone.

“The playground for school-aged children, coupled with the splash pad and brand-new pavilions, makes for an awesome [birthday party venue](#),” said Patrick Cann, Director of the City’s Leisure Services Department. “With the addition of the splash pad, Mickel Park is now an interactive, family friendly destination.”

The ribbon cutting ceremony will take place one hour before the 2018 Music at Mickel Concert Series kicks off. The free concert, featuring local reggae and rock band Inna Sense, will begin at 7:30 p.m. Food trucks and a cash bar will be available.

“Our park programming truly offers something for everyone,” said Resnick. “Bring a lawn chair or blanket, invite friends and family members and enjoy a night out in the park!”



To learn more about happenings at Mickel Park, as well as the City's additional parks visit <http://bit.ly/WiltonParks> or call (954) 390-2130. To learn more about renting out the Mickel Park splash pad and pavilion for a kid's birthday party visit <http://bit.ly/MickelPark>. Like what the City of Wilton Manors is doing? Show it on our [Facebook page](#).

### **About the City of Wilton Manors**

Wilton Manors was laid out in 1925 by Edward John "Ned" Willingham, a land developer from Georgia, as an **upscale residential community**. It was recognized as a Village in 1947 and incorporated as a City in 1953. Today, the City of Wilton Manors offers all the benefits of a big city from shopping, to hip restaurants and bars, a burgeoning arts community and tons of community events, yet still maintains a cozy, community-feeling offering miles of natural waterways perfect for kayaking, paddle boarding and other outdoor activities. Recently named the "Second Gayest City" in the United States, the City of Wilton Manors celebrates a **diverse population of approximately 12,000 residents**. To learn more about the live, work and play opportunities in Wilton Manors, call (954) 390-2100 or visit [www.wiltonmanors.com](http://www.wiltonmanors.com).

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