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**WELCOME TO**

*Wilton Manors,  
Oakland Park  
& Lazy Lake*



For the free spirited, the road to things whimsical and wonderful runs through the neighborhoods of Oakland Park, Wilton Manors and Lazy Lake. On the northern outskirts of Fort Lauderdale, these tight-knit communities are never cookie-cutter, each offering a distinct charm.



**Stacy Ritter,**  
President and CEO  
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First stop is Wilton Manors, a suburban haven proud of its vibrant LGBT+ community. It's also a candidate for the most charming, populated with many colorful thrift shops, restaurants, bars and clubs to discover – from adorable mom-and-pop cafes to specialty boutiques with antiques and handcrafted finds.

Wander through Wilton Manors, and you may stumble upon the village of Lazy Lake, a hidden gem with fewer than 40 residents and the state's smallest municipality. It feels like a world of its own.

Just north in the city of Oakland Park, residents and visitors can immerse themselves in a profusion of community festivities, from the family-friendly Youth Day Parade to the joyous Oktoberfest, where you can indulge in local award-winning craft beer.

In these pages, we'll introduce you to favorite nooks and crannies, giving you insight into the people and places that make this area truly special.

Whether you're a first-time visitor searching for something unexpected to add to your itinerary, or a South Florida native looking for new adventures right in your backyard, we invite you to experience the unique treasures tucked away in these small towns.



# THE Rundown

The quaint and quirky communities of Wilton Manors, Oakland Park and Lazy Lake are known by locals for their cozy character, but there's so much more to love.

An old world sign welcomes invited guests to the small village of Lazy Lake.

Lazy Lane



The Alan Edward Schubert Building at The Pride Center at Equality Park in Wilton Manors serves as a canvas for various murals.

## OAKLAND PARK

A small yet mighty city with around 43,000 residents, Oakland Park was once an agricultural community. It was incorporated in 1925 as Floranada, but its indomitable spirit led to a re-incorporation as Oakland Park four years later, following a devastating hurricane.

While the city has come a long way from its farming roots, it has retained a close-knit camaraderie. For outdoor enthusiasts, there are jogging paths, picnic areas, and a host of welcoming events at Jaco Pastorius Park, named after the famed jazz bass player and native son. With its artsy vibe, vintage aesthetic, love for great beer and international curiosities, Oakland Park exudes an eclectic flair.

## WILTON MANORS

Affectionately known as "The Island City," Wilton Manors occupies a modest two square miles between the North and South Forks of the Middle River. Envisioned as a playground for the wealthy, the city's grand dreams were tempered by the Great Depression. Today, the Richardson Historic Park and Nature Preserve stands as a reminder of its past grandeur, featuring a manor house and a 5.4-acre park.

Formally incorporated in 1947, Wilton Manors has since emerged as a prominent LGBTQ+ community, boasting one of the highest numbers of same-sex couples in the country. For outdoor enthusiasts, the riverfront parks offer canoe trails, a mangrove preserve, and community centers hosting intimate cultural and performing arts events. Above all, Wilton Manors prides itself on its dedication to diversity, striving to be a welcoming destination for people of all races, sexualities and cultures to live, work and play.

## LAZY LAKE

Preserved with love and zeal by passionate locals, the village of Lazy Lake remains a charming corner of subtropical wilderness. Its roots trace back to 1925 when it served as a simple limestone quarry supplying construction material for Wilton Manors. Over time, water filled the rock pit, giving birth to its storybook lake. Shying away from fanfare and visitors, Lazy Lake is more of a closely-held secret than a tourist attraction.





ESSENTIAL

# ATTRACTIONS

Artists, foodies and entertainment seekers will find much to love about the Wilton Manors and Oakland Park arts and entertainment district.

**T**he Wilton Manors and Oakland Park entertainment district features a diversity of restaurants and an array of shops for those unique mementos, parks and preserves for nature lovers, as well as some of the top-rated entertainment venues in South Florida.

In nearby Oakland Park, find everything from beer and spirits to drag shows and bees, then take a sledgehammer to your frustrations and a few choice appliances.

## WILTON MANORS

### RICHARDSON HISTORIC PARK AND NATURE PRESERVE

► Take in scenic views at this 5.4-acre park and nature preserve. Within the park are the preserved Carriage House and Manor House, two of the first manor homes built in the city. Both are open to the public for events, weddings and casual sightseeing. Visitors can stroll the boardwalk that meets up with the river or cast a line down on the deck. Those with a penchant for adventure can bring their kayak or canoe and set sail from the on-site boat dock, while others looking for a more relaxed afternoon can pack for a picnic in the courtyard after meandering through the natural habitats. The park is open daily from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

► 1937 Wilton Drive | [wiltonmanors.gov](http://wiltonmanors.gov)



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### ISLAND CITY STAGE

◀ Noting its location along an unassuming strip, the typical traveler might not suspect that Island City Stage is an iconic landmark for local talent. This performing arts venue touts its inclination toward sharing "stories of universal interest" with diverse entertainment that explores both people of color and LGBTQ+ culture. Catch a show Thursday through Sunday and witness standout performances of off-Broadway shows. Make a day of it with Mimosa Sundays — the second Sunday performance of every show includes a complimentary pre-show libation, light bites and a post-show talk.

► 2304 Dixie Highway | [islandcitystage.org](http://islandcitystage.org)



## WILTON MANORS

### WRECK IT

► With a mission to create a safe space for people to unleash their stress and have a blast while doing so, Wreck It has become a new go-to as South Florida's premier rage room experience. Participants are provided with an array of tools, along with safety gear, and given 30 minutes to unleash their inner wrecking ball, smashing everything in sight. The best part? No worries about cleaning up or replacing anything because Wreck It supplies all the necessary materials.

Guests can smash a variety of items, from glass objects to electronics and even color bombs, ensuring a satisfying and exhilarating experience. So, if anyone is looking for a fun and unconventional way to de-stress and have a great time, Wreck It is the place to be!

► 830 E. Oakland Park Blvd., Ste. 105 | [wreckitflaudy.com](http://wreckitflaudy.com)

**More to see:**  
Claudia Castillo Art Studio



## OAKLAND PARK

### OAKLAND PARK SELFIE MUSEUM

► Looking to take your Instagram game up a notch? From a luxurious clawfoot tub to a rockstar record wall and a flower-covered swing, the Oakland Park Selfie Museum has your ideal backdrop for standout selfies. Bring a friend and immerse yourself in the selection of elaborately staged rooms this unique attraction offers. The studio holds twenty different sets and backdrops with props ranging from vintage cameras to teddy bears and flowers, along with ring lights you can hook your photo right up to for that perfect shot.

Better yet, you can even bring your pup along! Want the whole place to yourself? Book the studio for your next birthday party or private social media content-creation sesh. Oakland Park Selfie Museum is open Tuesday to Saturday from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

► 1101 N.E. 34th Court | [oaklandparkselfiemuseum.com](http://oaklandparkselfiemuseum.com)



## OAKLAND PARK



### LIPS

► Indulge in the glitz and glamor of a night out at Lips – the ultimate drag dining experience. Hidden in a small plaza off Oakland Park Boulevard, Lips offers an experience complete with over the top shows, glamorous costumes, a three-course dinner menu and fabulous drinks with cheeky names. Hailed as one of the country's largest cabaret show chains, Lips was founded in New York by prominent drag queen Miss Yvonne Lane over 25 years ago. Since 2007, it has been a popular South Florida venue for birthday parties, bachelorette parties or the casual walk-in. Each night, from Wednesday to Sunday, you can expect engaging live entertainment that's heavy on the audience interaction. They even host a gospel brunch on Sundays, offering a special menu with bottomless mimosas and bloody marys. Reservations are encouraged but not required.

► 1421 E. Oakland Park Blvd | [fladragshow.com](http://fladragshow.com)



### CHAINBRIDGE DISTILLERY

► Family-owned and operated, the award-winning ChainBridge Distillery carries on the tradition of previous generations as they craft innovative spirits from fruits, vegetables and herbs. Transplant Bela Nahori, along with his wife, sister and parents opened the Oakland Park distillery in 2019. Inspired by the brandies from their native Hungary, ChainBridge is a small batch distillery specializing in fruit brandies, vodka, gin and specialty spirits with adventurous ingredients like carrot and beet. They also have a molasses rum for your favorite mojito recipe or just to pair with some cola and a wedge of lime. All brandies are distilled from 100% hand-selected fruit. Each batch is rested for at least three months before it is processed, hand-bottled and hand-labeled. Their Florida Basil Vodka features two types of native basil, and the process starts the day the farmer picks it. Visitors can enjoy ChainBridge Distillery tours, tasting room offerings and venue rental for those over 21.

► 3500 N.E. 11th Ave. | [chainbridgedistillery.com](http://chainbridgedistillery.com)



# Live Like a Local



*Phil*  
**DUNLAP**  
Wilton Manors

**Stats:** I am a 41-year-old gay man who works in the arts industry. I'm passionate about supporting and developing arts and culture.

**Where to chill:** In Wilton Manors, one of the great things to experience is live theater at Island City Stage. The artistic quality, diversity of shows and the intimacy of the venue make it a special community asset.

**Art exploration:** Hotspots! Happening Out Art Gallery with Dennis Dean hosts monthly art openings and artist showcases. The Island City Cultural Center is home to Art Gallery 21, a local nonprofit that hosts regular art-focused events, and Claudia Castillo ART Studio is always a pleasure.

**Dinner and a show:** Try Union Kitchen. The pork chop is one item you don't want to miss.

**Bonus share:** Take some time to discover this city during the day, and come back at night for some drinks and to dance the night away. You can explore a lot of the arts and culture happenings at ArtsCalendar.com.



▲ An installation at Hotspots! Happening Out Art Gallery with Dennis Dean



▲ Apt. 9F is a popular happy hour spot.

*Terry*  
**DYER**

Wilton Manors



**Stats:** Young, gifted and Black. I'm a bestselling author and professional (43 years old) who works tirelessly to uplift, mobilize and advocate for health, community development and equality.

**Where to chill:** Manor Lanes Bowling Center is a cool space that brings people together. And I love attending incredible plays at Island City Stage.

**Entertainment galore:** I always suggest guests visit the following locations: Apt. 9F, Hunters Nightclub, Pub on the Drive, DrYnk Bar and Lounge, Tulios, Gym Bar, LIT Wilton and Rosie's. Drag is also such an important form of entertainment to our community. Wilton Manors binds together to produce community-based events such as Stonewall Parade & Street Festival, Wicked Manors, FLoatarama, karaoke nights and SPLASH.

**Awesome ambiance:** My favorite restaurant in Wilton Manors is Apt. 9F. Everything about the venue, staff and owners, location and vibe are amazing. The restaurant has a speakeasy feel, excellent food and wine. The owners are extremely welcoming and make you feel as though you belong.



*Commissioner*  
*Letitia*  
**NEWBOLD**  
Oakland Park

**Stats:** At 52, my unwavering commitment to equity and the empowerment of others remains steadfast, and I'm passionate when it comes to community engagement.

**Where to chill:** Through the heart of the city, Jaco Pastorius Park, both residents and visitors can immerse themselves in a range of cultural festivals, such as the magic of Holiday Village, captivating movie nights and vibrant culinary gatherings.

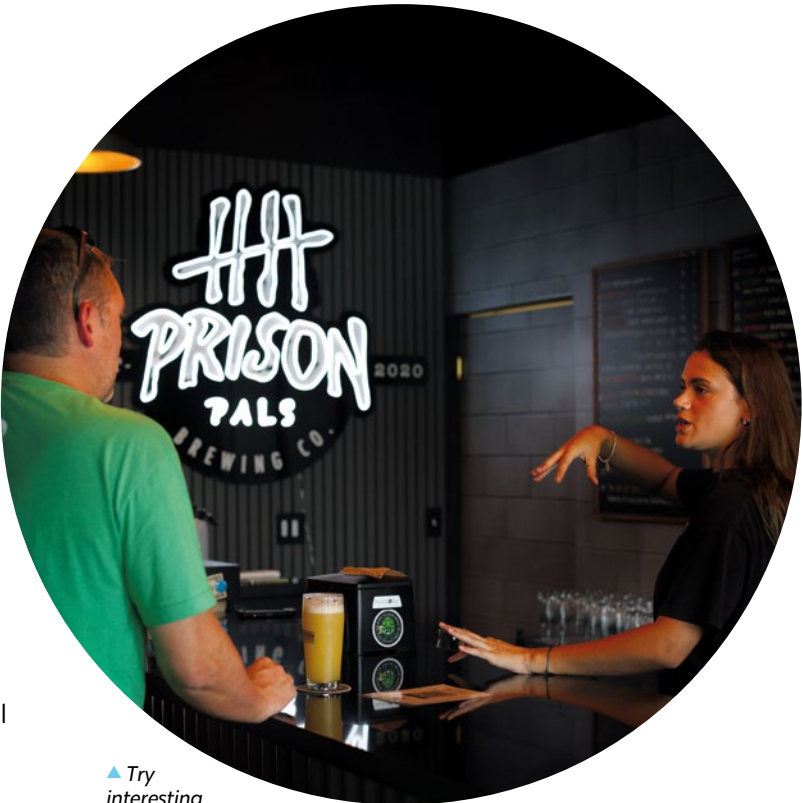
**Community engagement:** An essential activity aligned with my passion for collaborating with local businesses, nonprofits, and stakeholders to create meaningful partnerships is volunteering for the annual Tree Giveaway event during spring.

**Wings and things:** Perry Wings is a personal favorite. Every visit to this family-owned gem is met with a professional wait staff and inviting ambiance. The menu has expanded to encompass a rich array of Caribbean and African dishes.

**Bonus share:** Within the city, the small conference room and chambers of City Hall showcase exceptional artworks from the skilled hands of the Highwaymen, a group of 26 African American landscape artists native to Florida.



▲ Try signature sauces at Perry Wings.



▲ Try interesting brews at Prison Pals.

*Erica*  
**SCIACCHITANO**  
Oakland Park



**Stats:** I'm 24 years old, and I have lived in Oakland Park my whole life. I'm passionate about music, art, traveling, nature and animals.

**Where to chill:** One site in Oakland Park that I love to visit with my pups is Royal Palm Park. It's a beautiful park where you can walk around the lake and enjoy a peaceful moment.

**Support local:** A place I love to visit and support is Animal Aid. It's a small nonprofit animal rescue shelter and adoption center. This shelter is so special to me because this is where I adopted my first dog. Animal Aid regularly has a wide variety of pets available.

**Interesting eats:** My favorite Oakland Park restaurant is Prison Pals, a local brewery. The ambiance is so special at night. There is a great sense of community with live music and dancing. My favorite are the smoothie beers. They're super unique with an (almost) creamy consistency and fruity taste. The empanadas are also to die for!



## UNIQUES & ANTIQUES

# A Little of This, A Little of That



Pre-loved  
designer  
items at  
Worth  
Repeating  
in Wilton  
Manors.

For those with time (and money) to spare in Wilton Manors and Oakland Park, there is no shortage of great shopping. With a massive range of boutique, antique and unique shops to choose from, those who love shopping small, pre-loved or vintage will not be disappointed. Find everything from specialty furniture and vintage clothing to nostalgic treats from the past and original gifts.

## THRIFT STORES

### WORTH REPEATING

#### Wilton Manors

Beyond the charming, white facade are racks of pre-loved consignment clothes. The location stocks a huge range of sizes and styles. The shop focuses on designer items, including shoes and accessories for affordable prices. Best yet, you can bring in your own designer items to offer on consignment.

➡ 1732 N.E. 26th St. | [worthrepeatingconsignments.com](http://worthrepeatingconsignments.com)

### POVERELLO

#### Wilton Manors

Stepping into this spacious thrift shop, you're supporting a mission of community betterment that has been in place since the '80s. This award-winning shop provides rows of curated thrifting while raising funds to feed, clothe and otherwise support South Floridians with chronic medical conditions.

➡ 2056 N. Dixie Highway | [poverello.org](http://poverello.org)



Out of the Closet.

### OUT OF THE CLOSET

#### Wilton Manors

While browsing row upon row of thrifted treasures at great prices, remember it's for a good cause, not just to stock your closet or home with new pieces. Out of the Closet is a thrift store with a mission. Proceeds from each location around the country support local people with HIV and AIDS. Ninety-six cents of every dollar spent in the store goes to funding HIV/AIDS programs and services, as well as on-site pharmacies and free HIV testing. And if you have gently loved items in your home that need a new life, they also accept donations during store hours.

➡ 2097 Wilton Drive | [outofthecloset.org](http://outofthecloset.org)

### HIDDEN TREASURES THRIFT STORE

#### Wilton Manors

Supporting animals while picking up a great new blouse? What's not to like! With full proceeds going to The Pet Project, a local volunteer organization, Hidden Treasures Thrift Store is the place to be. The boutique provides a sweet escape from mainstream shopping all in one place – from belts to handbags, tables to sofas, men and women's clothing and shoes and even computers, TVs and local art.

➡ 2200 N.W. 9th Ave. | [thepetprojectfl.org/hidden-treasures](http://thepetprojectfl.org/hidden-treasures)



## UNIQUE FINDS

### WILTON COLLECTIVE

#### Wilton Manors

Think of Wilton Collective as an indoor flea market for the discerning wrapped in a beautiful butterfly mural. The collection of artsy businesses range from thrift, home furnishings, accessories, fine art and other retail offerings to event space, catering, antiques, bike repairs and more. A nonprofit, all inclusive youth work program called Julian's Fountain of Treasures powers the collective, offering a safe space and work experience to young people of diverse backgrounds.

➡ 2365 Wilton Drive | [wiltondrive.org/wilton-collective](http://wiltondrive.org/wilton-collective)

### ISLAND CITY TRADERS

#### Wilton Manors

For those with a passion for interior design, Island City Traders is a must-stop shopping destination. This massive space is tastefully arranged with designer furniture for every room of the house, from lighting to bedding to massive furniture and tiny pieces of decor. This shop stocks it all, both in store and online, at affordable prices. Knowledgeable interior design-experts can help point do-it-yourselfers in the direction of a new style they'll love.

➡ 2450 Wilton Drive | [islandcitytraders.com](http://islandcitytraders.com)



Island City Traders.



Wilton Collective.

### SNOOTY FOX CONSIGNMENTS

#### Oakland Park

This furniture reseller is best known as the biggest distributor of pre-owned AICO by Michael Amini pieces in the U.S., offering great deals on the luxurious curved wooden furnishings. If that's not your style, they also sell a huge range of other high-end, gently used furnishings, from bed frames and couches to dining tables and display pieces.

➡ 840 E. Oakland Park Blvd. | [snootyfoxflorida.com](http://snootyfoxflorida.com)

## ANITQUE WARES



Vintage Diversity.

### MONA'S FASHION INDIAN BOUTIQUE

#### Oakland Park

This specialty shop focuses on Indian fashions, both men's and women's, in all sizes and styles. They're experts on patterns, materials, tailoring and fitting. They also offer threading and customizations, perfect for wedding attire or specialty pieces that need alterations.

➡ 2712 W. Oakland Park Blvd.  
[facebook.com/monasfashionindianboutique](https://facebook.com/monasfashionindianboutique)

### MYSTIK SISTERS

#### Oakland Park

Mystik Sisters Manager Amanda Jones said the store prides itself on carrying "everything for everyone." They have resources to offer those interested in Santeria, Wicca, traditional religious practices, Paganism, or something else entirely. Those looking for more general metaphysical supplies will find candles, crystals, oils, books and gifts, among other items, "It's an amazing creative space, calm and supportive," Jones said. "We have a family here."

➡ 3475 N. Dixie Highway Ste. 102 | [mystiksisters.com](http://mystiksisters.com)

### VINTAGE DIVERSITY

#### Oakland Park

This spot specializes in vintage fashion and helping you find the perfect blast-from-the-past costume. The inventory, both in store and online, covers a century of style, whether a '20s flapper dress or an '80s hair band stage outfit. They even offer custom costume styling if you want a personalized experience with a staff member.

➡ 236 Prospect Road | [vintagediversity.com](http://vintagediversity.com)



Mona's Fashion Indian Boutique.



ANITQUE WARES



Vintage Vault Furniture.



Waterfront homes within the Lazy Lake community.

SHADES OF THE PAST ANTIQUES

Wilton Manors

Shades of the Past focuses on vintage lighting. If you've ever been after the perfect antique lamp, lampshade, pendant light or hanging fixture, this shop is the place to hit. While lighting is the specialty, you'll also find an array of other antiques, including vintage art, furniture and home decor.

➡ 2360 Wilton Drive  
shadesofthepastantiques.com

ODDBALLS NIFTY THRIFT

Oakland Park

Previously voted the third best vintage shop in America by Yelp, OddBalls Nifty Thrift has a little of everything in the 7,000-square-foot space to satisfy both the customer looking for a unique statement vase or an obscure 1900s bicycle. You'll feel like you're stepping into wonderland with chairs, lamps, art and more hanging from the ceiling above while no space is left uncovered at eye level. Take your time strolling around and complete the experience with beer and wine available for purchase.

➡ 4281 Dixie Highway  
facebook.com/oddballsniftythrift

VINTAGE VAULT FURNITURE

Oakland Park

The vault is decked out in vintage touches with the best of decades past. Meander around the shop for decor, memorabilia, antique furniture, jewelry, art and pre-owned curiosities. Each piece is hand-selected, featuring items from various time periods and styles. For those who prefer, browse the collection online from home.

➡ 1510 E. Oakland Park Blvd.  
vintagevaultfurniture.com

It's also possible you didn't notice you were there. The quaint village consists of a handful of homes surrounded by the city of Wilton Manors. There's no main square, no shops, restaurants or parks. Yet it somehow retains an innate fascination and appeal, simply by continuing to exist and remain independent.

The village was incorporated in the 1950s, and according to Lazy Lake mayor Richard Willard, it remains the smallest municipality in the state of Florida, giving it a unique interest. However, the residents of Lazy Lake are almost more keen to remain unnoticed, preferring anonymity in their tranquil, tiny and independent swath of paradise.

Remaining separate from Wilton Manors and other neighboring towns allows Lazy Lake to elect its own mayor and city council, positions held and almost rotated among the residents.

But Lazy Lake's greatest appeals might be its unique history and pristine beauty. In 1925, the creator of

Wilton Manors quarried Lazy Lake, creating a pit that would fill with water and amount to little for years. However, in 1946, Charles Lindfors, a purchaser, partnered with Hal Ratliff, a contractor, to create Lazy Lake, a subdivision with privacy and serenity for all of its residents. The first three homes built belonged to the founders of the village.

In 1953, the small group of Lazy Lake residents denied a request to join Wilton Manors. They vehemently voted themselves an independent entity to prevent ever being reclaimed into another town. Lindfors was elected mayor and served the first eight terms in the village's mayoral history. The lush greenery and natural beauty of the neighborhood continued to attract new residents until the final count of fourteen homes was reached.

Over time, people have moved in and out. The town was even briefly put up for sale, but never sold. After it all, Lazy Lake remains both independent and a sanctuary to fewer than 40 residents. And they love it that way.





The neighboring cities of Wilton Manors and Oakland Park are great spots to get active and explore new paths to wellness, with options from high-end gyms to holistic wellness centers and unique exercise.

## WILTON MANORS

Popular for all ages and abilities, Jazzercise turns dancing into a cardio workout — with results that have kept many returning for years. The Woman's Club of Wilton Manors offers daily Jazzercise classes (excluding Wednesdays) at a range of levels, so there are great options for the longtime dancers and those who are brand new to the activity.

To unwind after a stressful week, or an active aerobics class, Chi Spa, also in Wilton Manors, is the perfect place to find holistic body wellness and relaxation. Here you can try one of many massages, Reiki, Thai stretch therapy, facials, waxing, yoga and meditation classes — or get a membership and try it all.

## OAKLAND PARK

In neighboring Oakland Park, there's even more wellness potential to energize your mind and invigorate your body. Adventurous individuals can hit projectROCK, an indoor climbing center where you can try lead climbing, bouldering, rappelling or take classes to get prepared for your in-nature climbs. The center offers an approachable view of climbing, welcoming those who are beginners and offering plenty of support.

CrossFit is known for being an intense workout — and making for some serious body transformations. If you're looking to commit to a program and get more active, CrossFit SoFlow is a welcoming, community-based option that encourages beginners to explore the programs and classes and find what works for them alongside other CrossFit enthusiasts.

For those who prefer a more relaxing exercise experience, nearby Heart & Soul Yoga offers a lineup of classes made to help you connect with your body, release stress, and leave feeling healthier and happier. They offer daily classes, including more accessible slow yoga and chair yoga, and more advanced yoga and strength.

Finally, if you're looking to heal lingering body troubles, Compassion Acupuncture & Holistic Healing might be worth a try. A unique practice, acupuncture is an alternative healing method, neither painful nor invasive, that many swear by for helping with chronic pain, injuries, allergies, headaches and more. This Oakland Park location offers holistic, compassionate healing for any pain that may be keeping you from living life to the fullest.





WILTON MANORS

# Bring on The Night



A live DJ makes sure the night is never boring at Eagle Wilton Manors.

Though beloved for its plethora of tasty brunch spots and daytime shopping galore, when the sun goes down, there's a whole different side to Wilton Manors the common traveler might not see.

From nightclubs to lounges, speakeasy cocktail bars and cowboy-friendly line dancing joints, a night out on "The Drive" will never disappoint.

Start the night with happy hour at DrYnk Bar and Lounge – which runs from 2-7 p.m. daily – and enjoy a craft margarita infused with peach, mango or spicy strawberry on the upscale outdoor deck. If you're only planning on one round, the award-winning smoked old fashion with smoked cedar and black cherry is the move.

Right across the street lies Georgie's Alibi Monkey Bar, a beloved hotspot among Wilton Manors' LGBTQ+ community. Georgie's showcases four charming spaces for fun: the Main Bar, Times Square Bar, Monkey Bar and the Patio – each with its own unique vibe. With a full menu of American bites, you'll never go hungry. But the real attention-grabbers are the signature cocktail offerings featuring more than 15 stand-out drinks. Entertainment lovers can appreciate the full calendar of events ranging from drag shows to Latin dance nights, live music, events and more.

Don't want the party to end? In the same plaza as Georgie's is Hunter's Nightclub. Nestled in the Shoppes of Wilton Manors,

this chic lounge has been a haven for the gay community since its doors swung open in 1980. It's been scooping up the title of Best Bar from South Florida Gay News every year from 2015 to 2022. From karaoke and trivia sessions that light up the Drive's largest video screen to groovy dancing nights and dedicated evenings like "In the Biz" for our hardworking service industry heroes, the calendar is always packed with engaging events, making sure you're in for a good time.

Eagle Wilton Manors is a hot spot for a cheeky night out on the strip. This locally famous gay bar has a rich history dating back to 1948. These days, it's the ultimate destination for a late-night escapade filled with music, drinks and dancing, where you'll also find an underground, old school "leather" bar called Code Bar, which acts as a safe space for the "fetish" community to congregate.

When looking to get fired up, a night out at LIT Wilton seems appropriate. Inside, the 6th Boro NYC Eatery offers tasty classics like a chicken parm sub, coconut shrimp and halal gyros, but events are the name of the game at this community centric joint. Flag football socials, drag lip sync events, bingo, flip cup tournaments and more are enjoyed with a specialty LIT mojito in hand.

Did someone say cocktails? Hang a right when walking on the Drive and enter Infinity Lounge. This sophisticated cocktail bar is well revered as a hot spot for enjoying wine, well drinks and domestic and imported beers with friends amid hanging chandeliers and glitter walls. Their calling card is a martini with a twist.

If a themed night is in order, the infamous Scandals Saloon is the answer. This line-dancing



DrYnk Bar & Lounge is a hot spot on "The Drive" for late night cocktails.

gay bar is a Wilton Manors staple that has been known for cowboy boots, tasty drinks and wild nights since 2005. Live DJs, saxophone players, scandalous drag shows, karaoke and more are just some of the entertainment options you can expect to experience alongside beer, wine and spirits.



A late night show at Georgie's Alibi Monkey Bar.

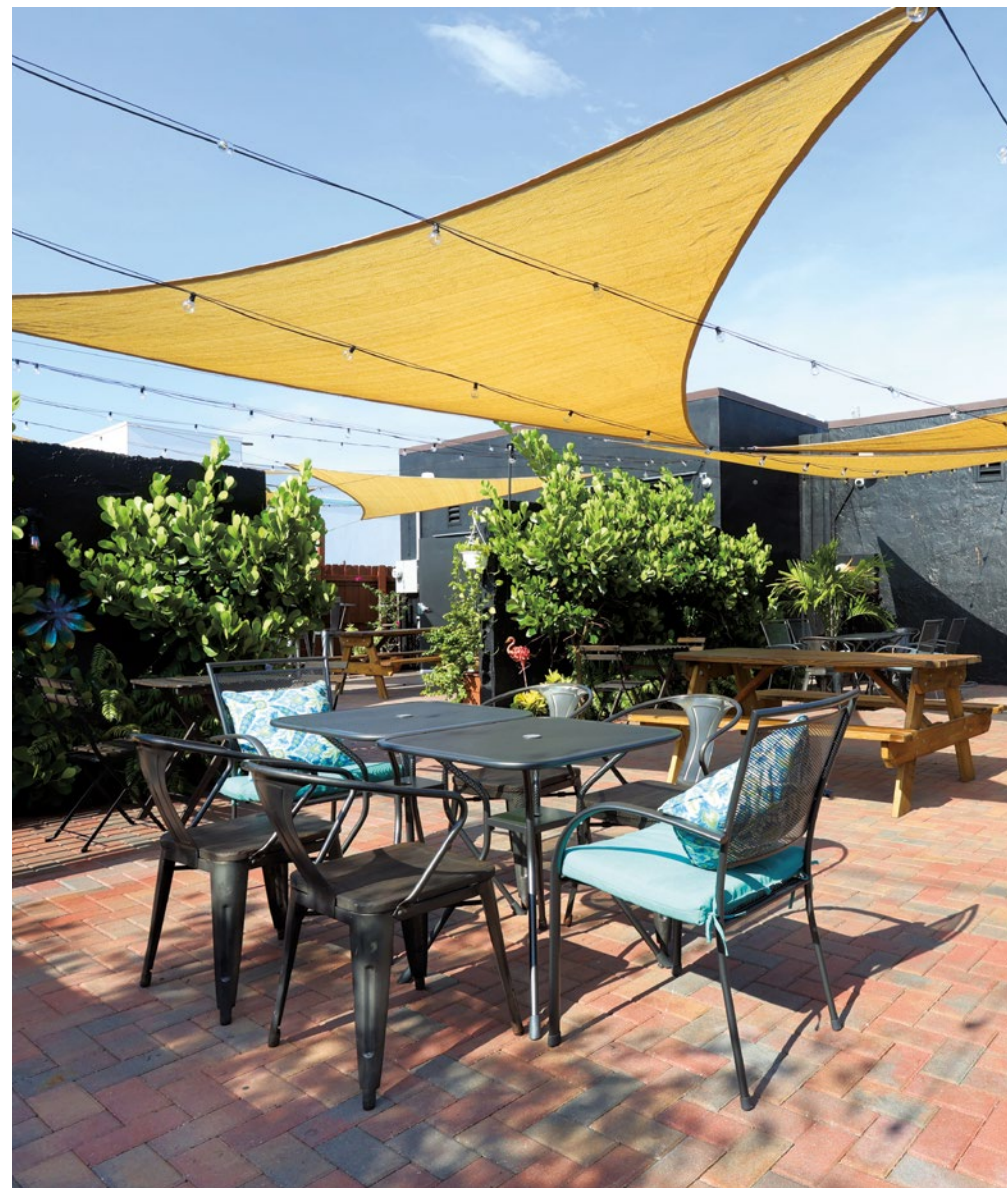




## PRISON PALS BREWING CO.

► After owner Juan moved from Argentina to the U.S. and opened a custom brewing location in Doral, a second location of Prison Pals Brewing Co. was brought to Oakland Park in 2022. The bar and taproom serves more than 16 unique beers, like the Dorada Pampeana Blonde Ale, Queen hazy IPA, and La Colorada amber lager, along with "smoothie" style sour ales like the Hakuna Matata made with strawberry, banana, orange and pineapple. On Saturday nights, the outdoor garden of the venue turns into a karaoke bar, but if looking for a mid-week break, take advantage of the 4-6 p.m. happy hour featuring discounted pints and bar snacks.

► 3555 Dixie Highway, Oakland Park | [prisonpalsbc.com](http://prisonpalsbc.com)



As Greater Fort Lauderdale becomes home to a growing number of breweries, beer-lovers rejoice. New craft breweries, artisan bars and beer gardens are popping up all the time in spots like Oakland Park and Wilton Manors. They are quickly becoming the place to be for a cold pint (followed by some excellent food, if you choose). Here are the stops we recommend if you want to make a day of it.

## FUNKY BUDDHA BREWERY

▲ If you live around Oakland Park, you're probably already familiar with Funky Buddha Brewery, brainchild of Ryan Sentz and now co-owned with his brother K.C. The sprawling brewery, bottling plant and taproom has been a staple of the area for more than 10 years. Funky Buddha is a pioneer of the local craft beer scene with one of the largest spaces and a stand-out menu. While the brewery's beers are sold in stores across Florida and even beyond state lines, their taproom and signature flavors are what make them exceptional. Very early to this now-popular trend, Funky Buddha produces culinary-inspired beers with exclusive natural ingredients. Past special releases featured the flavors of maple bacon, french toast and s'mores. And according to their marketing department, the food menu is "an upscale take on pub food with a lot of South Florida-inspired ingredients."

► 1201 N.E. 38th St., Oakland Park | [funkybuddhabrewery.com](http://funkybuddhabrewery.com)



## TENTH LEVEL TAVERN

◀ This bar is all about gathering and having a good time. Dozens of craft beers, ciders and wines are available in bottles, cans and on tap. The walls are lined with arcade games, both from decades past and the more modern era. Regular events encourage camaraderie among like-minded people, whether at a karaoke night, holiday party or game night. And even if it's just any old evening, grabbing a pint of local beer and tackling a few rounds of Donkey Kong with your friends is never a bad way to pass the time.

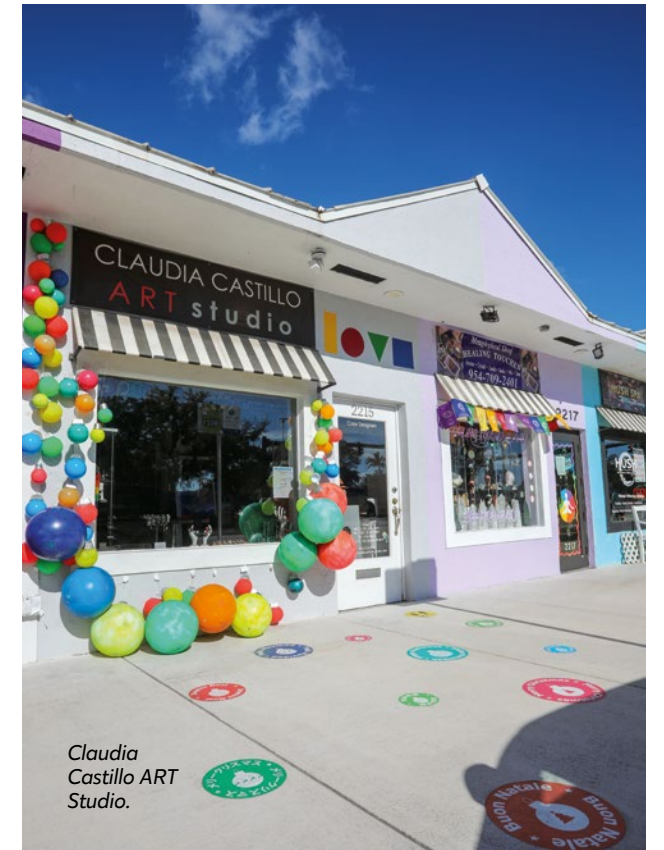
► 1242 N.E. 38th St., Oakland Park | [tenthleveltavern.com](http://tenthleveltavern.com)



PHOTO JOURNAL

# The Many Faces of Wilton Manors

Colorful storefronts line the main retail strip on Wilton Drive.



Claudia Castillo ART Studio.



New York Grilled Cheese, home of signature The Waffled Grilled Cheese.

The whimsical, eclectic vibe of Wilton Manors is most clearly manifest in the corridor along Wilton Drive. There, you'll find colorful, quirky storefronts offering amazing food, thrifted goodies, art, furnishings, club life and even a few standard business operations. Stop for soup and a sandwich beyond the yellow facade at New York Grilled Cheese, then resist the temptation to pop the colorful balloons outside as

you enter Claudia Castillo ART Studio two doors down.

While pastel-painted eye candy abounds along the main strip, just down the street, you can find more traditional iconic edifices like the simple, unchanged Dairy Queen that's been selling smiles since 1953, or the Association of Realtors building and Independence Hall retirement residence, both featuring two-story porticos and plantation-style shutters. Buildings like

Gables Wilton Park and Wilton Station condos take the multifaceted character of this community full-circle with modern lines and clean-concept design.

The island city has mastered the art of seamlessly blending contemporary aesthetic and rainbow canvases with traditional, old-school charm. For the curious, it's always a good day to wander the wonder-filled streets of Wilton Manors.

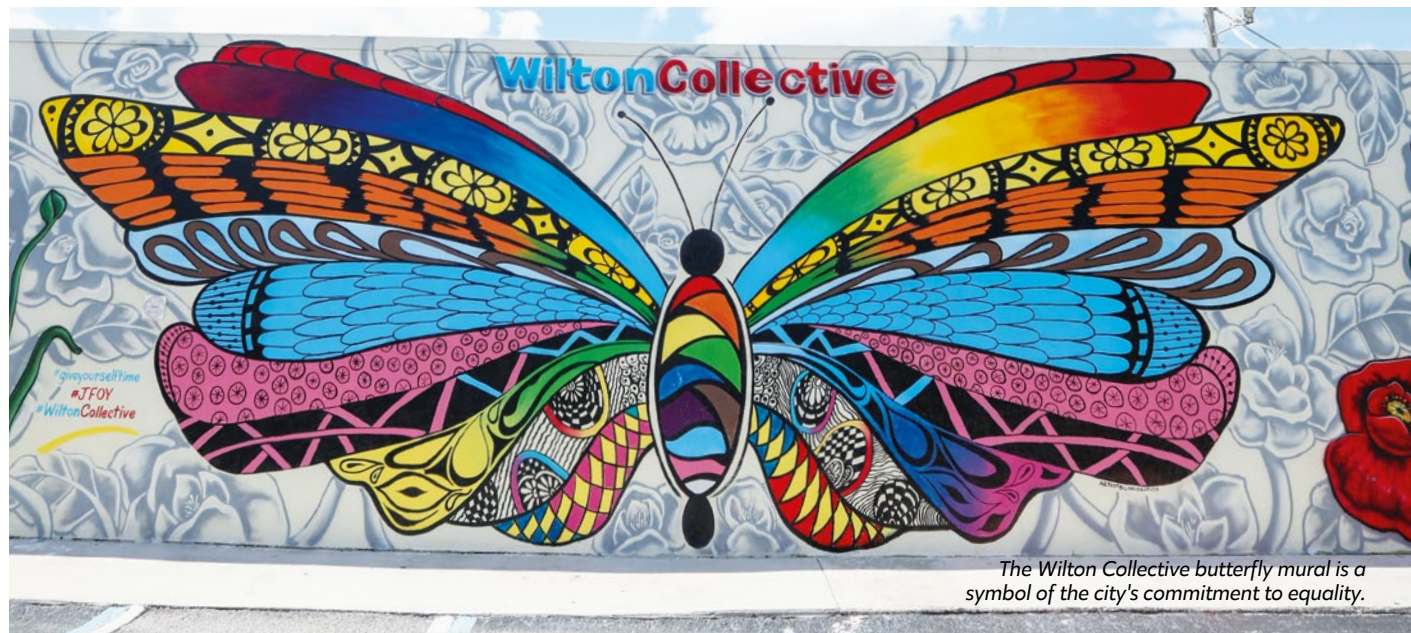




*This vignette is part of a sprawling mural by artist Steven Teller on the walls of The Pride Center at Equality Park in Wilton Manors.*



*The Association of Realtors building.*



*The Wilton Collective butterfly mural is a symbol of the city's commitment to equality.*



*Independence Hall.*



WILTON MANORS, OAKLAND PARK & LAZY LAKE

# RESTAURANTS



In these neighborhoods you might stumble upon French pastries, aromatic Brazilian food, lamb chops from New Zealand or Spanish tapas as you explore curbside dining and restaurants overlooking picturesque waterways. Stop at To The Moon, where you'll find famous hard-to-find candies from as far back as 1806.

## WILTON MANORS

### BUBBLES & PEARLS

▲ This gem gets rave reviews, not just because of the menu crafted by a Top Chef contestant, but for the five-star service every patron receives. The food, though, is the thing, and it's the oysters people come for. From the roasted bone marrow, to the wild mushrooms, burrata toast and New Zealand lamb chops, every item is a gastronomic delight. The setting is perfect for getting together with friends for a chill night over drinks.

➡ 2037 Wilton Drive  
bubblesandpearls.com



### WILTON CREAMERY

◀ "He's Not Worth It!" is worth every penny. The most popular of the signature ice creams at Wilton Creamery Dairy Bar heads a delightful menu of gourmet cold treats with numerous toppings, including non-dairy, gluten-free and even dog-friendly options. Classic staples and rotating seasonal flavors of ice cream and sorbet, all made in house, take the experience to a whole other level.

➡ 2301 Wilton Drive, Ste. C4  
wiltoncreamery.com



### STORK'S BAKERY

◀ Opened in 1997 by a former mayor, Stork's has long been a local favorite. The new owner has expanded the menu to offer seven types of roasted coffee, along with teas, smoothies, pastries and desserts. Chef Rose Klein's gift is apparent, whether you're enjoying an omelet, a vegetarian tortellini salad or grilled salmon. The gourmet Mediterranean fare is also available through take out and catering.

➡ 2505 N.E. 15th Ave  
storksbakery.com

### THAI ME UP

► Noodles, stir fry, curries and sushi are just part of the creative Thai-fusion menu. Start with the Chesapeake roll with blue crab, avocado, Thai herb aioli and sriracha before diving into edamame, duck buns or the curry chicken empanadas. Classics like *pad see eew* and cashew chicken meet innovative mains like red curry duck or pineapple fried rice served in a carved out pineapple shell.

➡ 2389 Wilton Drive  
mythaiameup.com



### ROSIE'S BAR & GRILL

◀ From brunch to late night dining, Rosie's is a top choice. Generous helpings from the extensive Americana menu cater to almost any craving. Chomp into the juicy mojito prime burger or cheesesteak, tackle a half pound of peel-and-eat shrimp, dive into the vegan cheesy spin bread bowl or go for the grilled options. The full bar and fun atmosphere makes for an exceptional Florida experience.

➡ 2449 Wilton Drive  
rosiesbarandgrill.com



## OAKLAND PARK

### TATTS & TACOS BEER GARDEN

► To round out your wandering and finish on a delicious high note, a stop at Tatts & Tacos is in order.

This spot combines everything you look for in a great beer bar. With more than 40 brews on tap, this hot spot is a beer garden at heart, but they also offer a full bar and menu of authentic Mexican meals and small plates. Did we mention the weekend brunch? So maybe you'll come for the beer, but you'll stick around for amazing tacos and lawn games under string lights.

► 3200 N.E. 12th Ave.  
tattsandtacos.com



### EL GUANACO TAQUERIA Y ANTOJITOS

► This family-owned restaurant has been serving tried and true Mexican and Salvadoran favorites since 2009. They promise fresh ingredients and outstanding offers, from fajitas to tacos, sauteed tilapia to chunky burritos. The weekday lunch menu offers options for only \$10.

► 331 N.E. 44th St.  
elguanaco-oaklandpark.com



### PETER PAN DINER

► Traditional booths, along with a separate lounge and bar, help set the atmosphere at this family-owned diner, with a menu influenced by Greek heritage. The famous Athenian omelet is popular for breakfast as is traditional diner fare like silver dollar pancakes. Finger-licking-good barbeque baby back ribs or a chicken gyro with homemade tzatziki sauce are two of many delicious offerings, including a range of low-carb options.

► 1216 E. Oakland Park Blvd. | mypeterpandiner.com

### BULEGREEN CAFE YARD

► This multiple-award-winning spot feels like your own neighborhood coffee shop. It's the ideal place to gather with friends and chat for hours over the specialty coffee brewed in a "bule," which is what the café is named for. The traditional Brazilian coffee pot brews rich, aromatic coffee, a perfect accompaniment to the healthy menu of sandwiches, salads, bowls, frittatas and the more decadent options of waffles, French toast and pão de queijo, an addictive cheese bun.

► 3299 N. Dixie Highway | bulegreen.us



### RENDEZ-VOUS BAKERY AND BISTRO

► Fresh ingredients and the know-how of Chef Pascal Zeimet bring artisanal French baking to Oakland Park. His story started in the village of Marville, in the Champagne-Lorraine region. Buttery baked goods are served alongside specialty coffees, sandwiches, salads and light-as-air crêpes. Lunch and dinner present savory French entrées, like boeuf bourguignon and duck à l'orange, along with surprising items like chicken marsala and fish and chips.

► 1576 E. Oakland Park Blvd. | rdvbakery.com



### CYTH & CO.

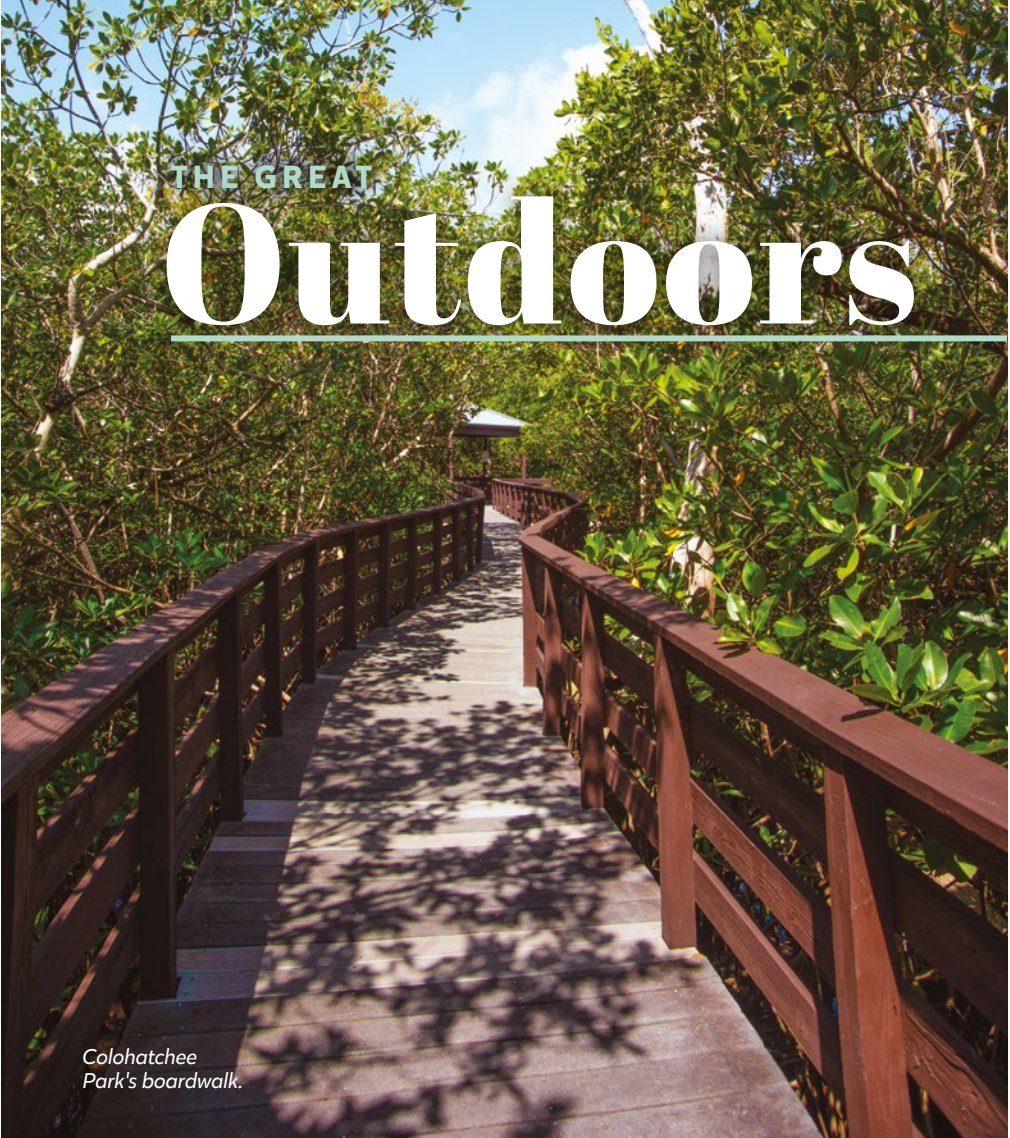
► Not your usual coffee house, the Cyth & Co. coffee bar showcases a range of caffeine-infused beverages that go above and beyond any old "cup o' joe." Names like Kalita, Flash Chill and Nitro conjure up a java adventure for your tastebuds. Their menu offers everything from baked goods, wine and multiple syrup flavors to a comprehensive menu to excite vegans, while still catering to those who like a little meat in every bite. Enjoy live music on Sundays as you sip on the perfect latte.

► 3446 N.E. 12th Ave. | cythco.com





The Stonewall Pride Street Festival attracts anywhere from 20,000 - 50,000 attendees each year.



Colohatchee Park's boardwalk.

# ON THE Marquee

Year-round, events that showcase and celebrate diverse cultures are put on for the community, by the community.

## STONEWALL PRIDE PARADE AND STREET FESTIVAL Wilton Manors

Every June brings Wilton Manors' Stonewall Parade and Street Festival, held in honor of the Stonewall Riots of 1969 and the resulting demonstrations that demanded equal rights for LGBT+ people. Celebrate Pride Month at this free, family-friendly event complete with a parade, live performances on multiple stages, food trucks, street vendors and more. Walk Wilton Drive to take in all the activities and performances the street festival has to offer, and check out the music at the main entertainment stage.

➡ [stonewallpride.lgbt](https://stonewallpride.lgbt)

## OKTOBERFEST Oakland Park

Each October, all are welcome at Jaco Pastorius Park for Oktoberfest, a celebration of fall, beer and German culture. This three-day festival is fun for the whole family with traditional music, folk dancing and authentic food and beer. Engage in friendly competitions such as stein races, beer barrel races and the cutest of all: the dachshund races. A kid's corner entertains the little ones while adults enjoy dancing in traditional German tartans with a "Buddhafest Marzen," a Funky Buddha specialty available only during the fall.

➡ [oaklandparkfl.gov](https://oaklandparkfl.gov)

## SUMMER NIGHTS Oakland Park

Set up the lawn chairs and enjoy live music, drinks and food trucks with eats from local vendors at this outdoor concert series. Held at Jaco Pastorius Park, live band genres include everything from country to rock, pop and everything in between. Past performances include the well-known Shane Duncan Band and motown group Old Skool Gang. This free event is ideal for families, who can look forward to activities for the kids like supervised bounce houses by event staff and lawn games.

➡ [oaklandparkfl.gov](https://oaklandparkfl.gov)

## WILTON MANORS Colohatchee Park

8.5-acre community park with mangrove preserve, dog play area, walking trail, outdoor fitness and pavilions.  
1975 N.E. 15th Ave.

### Hagen Park

Features community center, playground, sand volleyball court, basketball courts, walking trail and tennis courts.  
2020 Wilton Drive

### Island City Park Preserve

Enjoy the elevated walkway, walking trail, fishing pier, kayak and canoe launch, picnic pavilions, deck, basketball court and playground. Community center with full kitchen, meeting room, sound system and large multi-purpose room.  
823 N.E. 28th St.

### M.E. DePalma Park

10-acre garden with more than 100 varieties of wildflowers, trees, shrubs and plants.  
641 N.E. 20th Drive

### Mickel Park

Athletic park featuring lighted softball field, walking trail, concert pavilion, fitness equipment, shade canopies and a playground.  
2675 N.W. 7th Ave.

### Richardson Historic Park and Nature Preserve

Riverside park with dock, observation pier, nature trails, natural habitat areas, and the Historical Manor and Carriage House.  
1937 Wilton Drive

## OAKLAND PARK

### Art Park

Event-friendly green area with seating wall and art installations.  
1110 N.E. 34th Court

### Easterlin Park

Open for walking, jogging, biking, RV camping with full hookups, disc golf, picnicking and fishing.  
1000 N.W. 38th St.

### Jaco Pastorius Park

Home to the city's signature events featuring an open space, benches and walking track.  
4000 N. Dixie Highway

### Lakeside Sand Pine Preserve

Five-acre nature park that includes trails, observation deck with educational signage and pavilion.  
2950-2998 N.W. 27th Terrace

### Oakland Bark

Dog park adjacent to Royal Palm Park, with separate fenced areas for large dogs and small dogs and structures for agility training.  
971 N.W. 38th St.

### Royal Palm Park

Community park with walking trails, playground and pavilions.  
1701 N.W. 38th St.

### Stevens Field

Lighted multi-purpose athletic complex with rentable pavilion and facilities for softball, baseball, soccer and flag football.  
3881 N.E. 6th Ave.

### Veterans Park

Offers M60 tank display and Purple Heart Monument, lighted walking path and waterfront observation decks.  
3805 N.W. 21st Ave.

### Wimberley Athletic Field

Serves as the 'sports central' for the city's athletic programs like softball, baseball, soccer, basketball and more, plus a playground and small pavilion.  
4000 N.E. Third Ave.



# Resources

## ATM BANKS

### ATM ES Reliable

2176 W. Oakland Park Blvd., Oakland Park

### Bank of America ATM (Drive-thru)

1601 E. Oakland Park Blvd., Oakland Park

### Citibank ATM at CVS

1150 N.E. 26th St., Wilton Manors

### PNC Bank ATM

999 E. Commercial Blvd., Oakland Park

### Presto! ATM at Publix

100 W. Oakland Park Blvd., Wilton Manors

### SunTrust ATM

1431 N.E. 26th St., Wilton Manors

## FITNESS

### Bodytek Fitness

HIIT group workout program.  
2216 N. Dixie Highway, Wilton Manors  
954-661-6696  
bodytekfitness.com

### Crunch Fitness

State of the art facilities with innovative classes.  
3500 N. Andrews Ave., Oakland Park  
954-652-1221  
crunch.com

### Eli's Fitness Studio

One on one personal training.  
4199 N. Dixie Highway, Oakland Park  
954-229-2348  
elisfitness.com

### Island City Fitness Center @ Hagen Park

Treadmills, elliptical machines, stationary bikes, and various weight machines.  
2020 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors  
954-390-2130

### The ZOO Health Club

A variety of cardio machines and more.  
1427 E. Commercial Blvd., Oakland Park  
954-306-6735  
zoogymfortlauderdale.com

## MARKETS

### Bravo Supermarkets

International neighborhood grocery store.  
3400 N. Andrews Ave., Oakland Park  
bravosupermarkets.com

### British Depot

Imported foods from Great Britain.  
1322 E. Commercial Blvd., Oakland Park  
britishdepotoaklandpark.com

### Monterrey

#### Farmers Market

Fresh produce, meats and groceries.  
4930 N. Dixie Highway, Oakland Park

### Publix Super Market at Central Shopping Center

Groceries, deli & bakery. In-store shopping, curbside pickup & delivery.  
100 W. Oakland Park Blvd., Wilton Manors  
publix.com

### Publix Super Market at Five Points Plaza

Groceries, deli & bakery. In-store shopping, curbside pickup & delivery.  
2633 N. Dixie Highway, Wilton Manors  
publix.com

### Sprouts

#### Farmers Market

Natural, organic and gluten-free foods.  
700 E. Oakland Park Blvd., Oakland Park  
sprouts.com

## CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE

### Greater Fort Lauderdale LGBT Chamber of Commerce

Creating partnerships with organizations that promote the LGBT+ business community.  
2300 N.E. 7th Ave., Wilton Manors  
954-523-3500  
gogayfortlauderdale.com





# Welcome

## EVERYONE UNDER THE SUN



Welcome thrill-seekers and chill-seekers and kids of all ages. The world's most welcoming destination awaits in Greater Fort Lauderdale with miles of golden beaches and scenic waterways, cosmopolitan dining and nightlife, amazing Everglades eco-tours and more. Come share unforgettable moments in a beach playground unlike any other.



Plan Your Adventure at [VisitLauderdale.com](https://www.VisitLauderdale.com)