



WILTON MANORS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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MADGELINE THUMA

CYNTHIA THUMA

2007 CITY PIONEERS

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Wilton Manors Historical Society

Cynthia Thuma, and her mother, Mrs. Madgeline Thuma, have been named as Wilton Manors Pioneers for 2007. This is an honor bestowed by the City Commission on people who have been important in Wilton Manors evolution. Wilton Manors Pioneers represent the City at the Broward County Pioneers Days Celebration, held this year at the Broward County Pioneer Days Celebration on November 3rd in the Main Library.

The Broward County Historical Commission announced, "This year's Pioneer Days marks the county's 92nd Anniversary and celebrates its rich history while remembering the experiences that give each of our cities its unique character. The legacy of the county's early pioneers can serve as a model for successive generations in inspiring them to preserve those essential elements that most distinguish this place we call 'home,' Broward County."



Mayor Scott Newton is shown in the accompanying photo reading a Proclamation declaring October 23, 2007 Cynthia and Madgeline Thuma Day at the well attended City Commission meeting on October 23, 2007. The Wilton Manors Historical Society annually nominates people to be recipients of this honor.

As a young married couple, Madgeline and her late husband Tony Thuma moved to Wilton Manors in 1949. At that time, the Village of

Wilton Manors had less than 1,000 people; and no schools had yet been built. Mr. and Mrs. Thuma raised their two children, Cynthia and Joseph, in a rapidly growing community. They were active in local church, school and civic organizations. Mrs. Thuma was a Registered Nurse in Broward County for 50 years.

Cynthia (Cindy) Thuma is the author of a number of books. For *Sport Lauderdale: Big Names and Big Games*, she was honored with the Historian Award at Pioneer Days this year. She is also the author of four local histories, including *Images of America: Wilton Manors*. She is finishing up a new history of Wilton Manors, to be published in 2008 by the Historical Society. Cindy is now Coordinator of Communications and Publications at Broward Community College. She was a teacher in Broward County for 11 years, and a journalist for 25 years.

Cindy is the Vice-President of the Wilton Manors Historical Society. She and her husband Jim Young have one son.

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