



# PIONEER DAY

HONORING BROWARD'S PIONEER SPIRIT



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to the men and women who have been selected  
as Broward County Pioneers!

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Broward County Historic Preservation Board

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46th Annual Pioneer Day Celebration  
Saturday, October 15  
The Venue, Wilton Manors



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# 46th Annual PIONEER DAY 2022



Greetings and congratulations to the Broward County Historic Preservation Board as you celebrate Pioneer Day in 2022!

This year the celebration takes place in the Island City of Wilton Manors as they proudly celebrate their 75th birthday.

A special thank you is in order for all of the nominees who will be honored in a variety of categories for the impact that they have made on their community. Your work is important from both a preservation and historical perspective.

A pioneer is the first person or people to do something, such as settle a new territory, explore new regions, test a new theory, or discover a new product. Their efforts are bold, and they leave behind a great legacy.

The Broward County Historic Preservation Board must be commended for their extraordinary work to keep intact the importance pieces of our rich history that have shaped the County that we live in today!

We are lucky this year, that we can once again come together as a community to celebrate our history. Enjoy and have fun!

Sincerely,

Mayor Michael Udine  
Broward County



Welcome to Wilton Manors, the Island City! We are so proud to be hosting the 46th annual Pioneer Day, in partnership with the Broward County Historic Preservation Board, and particularly this year, as our City celebrates the 75th anniversary of incorporation.

Wilton Manors prides itself on its small-town charm, and it is a wonderful place to call home. Remembering and celebrating our collective histories is such an essential component of a thriving community.

Equally important is passing those stories along to our children, and to generations to come, to help them recognize their ancestors and maintain their own sense of continuity and place. Broward County, and Wilton Manors, has changed tremendously since I was a boy growing up, and if we are not careful, our histories can be washed away by time and change.

We greatly appreciate the distinguished Pioneers being recognized today for their contributions to the rich fabric of our history.

Congratulations to this year's honorees!  
Best,

Scott Newton  
Mayor, 2019 Pioneer





## BROWARD COUNTY

### HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD



**SHELDON MCCARTNEY, Chair (Southwest Ranches)**  
 Sheldon McCartney is Chairman of Board of the Project Stable Foundation and serves on the advisory board of the Old Davie School Historical Museum Board. His past achievements include President of the award winning McCartney Construction Company, responsible for noted restoration projects throughout Miami/Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach Counties. Projects include Miami City Hall, Edison Middle School, Old Miami Beach City Hall, Colony Theatre in Miami/Dade County, Peele Dixie water plant, New River Court, Old Dillard School, Old Davie School and Viele House in Broward County, and the Flagler Museum and North Fire Station in Palm Beach. Well versed in construction and now retired from his firm, he stays active in the construction industry as a board member of the Constructions Specifications Institute and is a consultant to non-profit organizations. Appointed by Broward County Vice Mayor Beam Furr, Sheldon McCartney serves as Chair of the Board and fills the professional category of General or Building Contractor.

Jeff Schwartz is the President of the Parkland Historical Society. In this capacity, he was directly involved with creating and burying the Parkland time capsule, scheduled to be opened on the city's 100 year anniversary. He initiated the city's historical marker program, identifying and marking sites as well as educating public visitors, and was critical in getting the city's first book on the History of Parkland, Florida, written and published. A world traveler, he has been to almost 100 countries, for both work and personal enjoyment. He received his Bachelors of Geology from City University New York, York College, and followed up with a Lamont Doherty Geological Observatory Fellowship in Geophysics at Columbia University. Appointed by Commissioner Michael Udine, Jeff Schwartz serves as a Member of the Board and fills the professional category of Historic Preservation.



**JEFFREY SCHWARTZ, Member (Parkland)**

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**DEREK T. DAVIS, Vice Chair (Miramar)**

Derek Davis is the former Curator of the Old Dillard Museum in Fort Lauderdale, developing cultural and educational programs at a historic schoolhouse listed on the National Register of Historic sites, built as the first public school building for blacks in Broward County. His work includes organizing exhibitions, administering musical concerts, managing collaborations with cultural organizations, facilitating policies and procedures for non-profit fundraising organizations, conducting tours, overseeing website development and managing the museum staff. As a high school student during the period of racial protests in the late 1960s, he wrote a play, "Black Search for the Future" that was lauded, videotaped by Channel 10 and viewed all over South Florida. He's worked for The Miami Herald, the Black Archives History and Research Center, the African American Research Library, and Broward County Schools. He received his Bachelor's Degree in Mass Communications from Florida Atlantic University. Appointed by Commissioner Dale V. C. Holness, Derek Davis serves as a Member of the Board and fills the professional category of Conservation or Curation.



**DANIEL J. STALLONE Member (Davie)**

Daniel Stallone is the Town of Davie's Police Code Compliance Official, where he oversees the Code Compliance Division and enforces the Town's Code of Ordinances, municipal codes and regulations in land use. Daniel holds a Bachelor's degree in Geology from the University of Dayton, Ohio; a Master's degree in Public Administration from Florida Atlantic University and a Juris Doctorate from Nova Southeastern University. Currently, he is completing his Dissertation for a Ph.D. in Conflict Analysis and Resolution. He is also completing an online Bachelor's degree in Anthropology with the University of Florida. Appointed by Commissioner Steve Geller, Mr. Stallone serves as a Member of the Board and fills the professional category of Historic Preservation Planning and Land Use.



## BROWARD.ORG/HISTORY

### **CYNTHIA STRACHAN SAUNDERS, Member (West Park)**



Cynthia Strachan Saunders is a vocalist, songwriter, actress, community historian, curator of local community history and author. As a vocalist known as "Jus' Cynthia", her debut CD is a collection of smooth jazz and contemporary songs. Her debut book, a pictorial and written oral history of the first decade of Carver Ranches, stemmed from her grandparents, who were original pioneers of the area. She currently owns, occupies, and maintains the first Broward County-designated historical site and operates a community history museum on the site. Cynthia has added "Author" to her list of sobriquets with Promises from the Palmetto Bush, the Genesis of Carver Ranches. Appointed by Broward County Mayor Barbara Sharief, Cynthia Saunders serves as a Member of the Historic Preservation Board and fills the professional category of History or Folklore.



### **JONATHAN AXLER, Member (Davie/Fort Lauderdale)**

Jonathan Axler is the Parks Service Specialist for the Barnacle State Historic Park, Miami-Dade County's oldest house still in its original location. Axler has served in that position since August of 2022. Axler is responsible for a variety of park operations, including school and group tours, community programs, outreach, exhibits, collections management, and distance learning. He provides historical interpretation for children and adult programs and helps recruit and train volunteers. A South Florida native, Axler previously served as Education and Curatorial Coordinator at the Historic Stranahan House Museum; Museum Assistant at the Plantation Historical Museum and Gallery Curator at Flamingo Gardens wildlife sanctuary, aviary and botanical garden. Axler is currently a board member of the Broward County Historic Preservation Board and a member of Gold Coast Archivists. Axler earned his Bachelor of Arts from Florida Atlantic University where he is currently seeking a Master's in History.



## BROWARD.ORG/HISTORY

### **ANTHONY ABBATE, Member (Fort Lauderdale)**



Anthony Abbate is Professor at the School of Architecture at Florida Atlantic University and former Associate Provost for the Broward Campuses. He is also an NCARB certified architect registered in Florida and New York, with a Master of Architecture from Washington University and a Bachelor of Science in Architecture from the Catholic University of America. Abbate received the William G. McMinn Award for Outstanding Architectural Education from the Florida Association of the American Institute of Architects in 2014, the Arango Design Award in 2000, Washington University's Distinguished Alumni Award in 1995, and 25 awards from the American Institute of Architects for design excellence as well as the President's Award for Distinguished Service.

He is a past chair of the Broward County Cultural Council and former chair of the County's Public Art and Design Committee. He served on the City of Fort Lauderdale's Board of Adjustment, chaired the City's first Sustainability/Green Committee, chaired the Sustainability Advisory Board, and chaired the Beach Redevelopment Advisory Board (BRAB). He is Past President of the Rotary Club of Fort Lauderdale and the Rotary Fort Lauderdale 1090 Foundation.

With a long record of community service and leadership, he currently serves on the board of directors of the Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce and Hispanic Unity of Florida (HUF). He is a member of Leadership Florida; and is also a regular contributor to the Sentinel's South Florida 100 opinion page. Appointed in 2019 by then Commissioner Tim Ryan, Anthony Abbate serves as a member on the Board and fills the Licensed Architect category.

**The BROWARD COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD** collects, arranges, records, preserves and maintains in its archives, museums, libraries, historical artifacts, data, and all other objects and material illustrative of and relating to the history and archaeology of Broward County and of Florida.



# OUR 2022 HONOREES

## • BROWARD TRUST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION

### MICHAEL J GEHRON



**MICHAEL GEHRON** is a third-generation Fort Lauderdale native. Michael graduated from NOVA High School in 1974. Afterward, he attended Broward Junior College, receiving his A.A. degree. In 1980, he attended Florida State University, earning his B.S. in Chemistry. Michael then endeavored to work towards a Ph.D. in chemistry.

He achieved his goal when he graduated from the University of Florida in 1987. Even though Michael attended two of the most distinguished colleges in Florida, he strongly identifies as a Florida State Seminole.



*"Getting a haircut with my grandfather Joe B. Oliver - first male child born in the New River settlement soon to be known as Fort Lauderdale"*

Dr. Gehron is now a retired aerospace engineer and consultant. His expertise is in chemistry, chemical safety, chemical processes, and forensics. After retirement, Michael taught at Indian River State College, located in Stuart, Florida. He directed a pain management and drug abuse testing laboratory as a licensed medical technologist supervisor. We welcome and thank Michael Gehron for joining the Broward Trust for Historic Preservation.

*Nominated by Broward Trust for Historic Preservation, Inc*

*Arnie Beck House >*



## BROWARD TRUST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION

*While Broward County is only 100 years young, we have built a history worth preserving. With historic preservation comes tax incentives and many other benefits for property owners. Our vision is a County that believes in preserving its historic resources and sites to enhance its identity, economy and quality of life. We feel that we have that responsibility to future generations. Read more at [browardtrust.org](http://browardtrust.org)*

•CITY OF COCONUT CREEK



DONALD SCHLICHTMANN



**DONALD SCHLICHTMANN** moved from New Jersey to the City in 1970 to enjoy the peace, vast amount of farmland, and large parcel of land to house his horses.



He served as Coconut Creek's first Volunteer Fire Chief in 1972, establishing a department of approximately twenty men. In 1973, he served as an advisor to the builders of the City's first community center, today known as the Rowe Activity Center. He helped organize and participated in parades in South Creek, the only developed area in Coconut Creek at the time. Mr. Schlichtmann was the original owner of his home in South Creek where his daughter Diane still resides.

*Nominated by City of Coconut Creek*

CITY OF  
COCONUT CREEK

Coconut Creek, the "Butterfly Capital of the World" is a well-planned city with a unique environmental consciousness nestled between Miami and Palm Beach. The city seceded from Pompano Beach in the 1960s, and is nicknamed "Butterfly Capital of the World" because it is home to Butterfly World, the world's largest butterfly aviary, with over 80 species and 20,000 individual butterflies.[7] Read more at [coconutcreek.net](http://coconutcreek.net)



COOPER CITY

MAXINE L. NICELY



Born and raised in Philadelphia PA, **MAXINE NICELY** moved to South Florida in 1956 and was married to Robert Nicely until his passing in 2011. Working in loan financing until retirement, Maxine was a member of the Cooper City Senior Advisory Board, and an active Community Center Senior Activities volunteer. She helped organize Cooper City Senior Expo - an annual community event for community seniors.

Post-retirement she stayed active with assorted part-time work at Montessori School and poll station monitoring. She assisted with calling Bingo at the Senior Center for many years, leading a very successful, professional, and courteously run session, each and every week. She was also a Miami Dolphins fan extraordinaire!

*Nominated by City of Cooper City*

COOPER CITY

The City of Cooper City is a municipal corporation created by Special Act of the Florida Legislature on June 20, 1959. Located approximately fifteen miles southwest of Fort Lauderdale, this 8.5 square mile bedroom community has the fourth highest median household income in Broward County. With an estimated population of 30,074, the average age of residents is 32.5 years.



With three elementary schools, one middle school and one high school, as well as several private and religious-affiliated schools, and an abundance of parks, recreational facilities and programs for all ages, Cooper City has long been known as an excellent place to "grow families".



## CORAL SPRINGS

### ALFRED E. HENDRICKSON, SR.



**AL HENDRICKSON** and his wife Elaine, who he fell in love with at first sight and married within 6 weeks, celebrated their 56th Anniversary in August 2022. They fell in love with Coral Springs because they thought it was the nicest and most beautiful city in South Florida and they have been living there now 51 years. A US Navy veteran, Al worked with the legendary Jim Moran and the JIM Family for 19 years, before - in 1989 - opening a car dealership in Coconut Creek alongside his son who was 20 years old at the time - Al Sr. was 51. As of today, Al Hendrickson Toyota is the #1 Toyota Dealer in the Southeast Region and #2 in the nation.



Al Sr. has always been an avid supporter of the Coral Springs Chamber of Commerce before and since of its reorganization, and has sponsored the Chamber's Leadership program for many years. He was honored by the Chamber in 2001 with the Indy Award, recognizing special community contributions, and in 2004 with the Lifetime Leadership Award. Broward County is his home, he is proud to be a Pioneer of Coral Springs and he feels everyone should work as a family.

*Nominated by City of Coral Springs / Coral Springs City Historic Advisory*

## CORAL SPRINGS

More than 55 years ago, successful Fort Lauderdale builders, James S. Hunt and Joe Taravella of Coral Ridge Properties, had the vision to create a planned city from the ground up that they named Coral Springs. The first land purchase was for \$1M for 3,860 acres of green bean crops and cattle fields. To draw interest in the land that was sometimes considered "too far out", they constructed a covered bridge and recruited talk show host Johnny Carson for a land sale BBQ. The event was a huge success.



## CITY OF DANIA BEACH

### TERRELL EUGENE MCCOMBS



Dania Beach Native **TERRELL EUGENE MCCOMBS** was born in 1960 at Memorial Hospital when it was only two stories. The only child born to H.E. McCombs and Janie E. McCombs he has lived his entire life in the same home built in 1938. Terrell worked for landscaping company Griffin Brothers for over 20 years, designing landscape plans to help beautify Dania Beach and many other Broward County communities.



A Dania Beach Historical Society member and volunteer since 1977, he has been a member of the Dania Beach Improvement Committee for more than 20 years. He has also been a Landscape Inspector Association of Florida, Broward County member, and an International Society of Arboriculture Member since 2005. As a volunteer with the City of Dania Historical Society, he has built display presentations for the Broward County Pioneer Days held in many different cities.

*Nominated by City of Dania Beach / Dania Beach Historical Society & Museum, Inc.*

## CITY OF DANIA BEACH

Dania Beach is Broward County's first city. The historic roots of the first city in Broward County date back to the 1880's, when much of what is now the FEC railroad line was laid through the area. In recognition of this transportation advantage, a pioneer and developer named W. C. Valentine planned a settlement called Modello and 12 Danish families moved from Chicago to settle there in 1898-1899. Three years later, 30 Danes were recruited from Oconto, Wisconsin to colonize the settlement, and the first home was built by A.C. Frost, for whom a park is now named. When the Town was incorporated in November 1904, its 35 residents changed the name to Dania.



Built in 1912, the Nyberg-Swanson House was built for Charles M. Nyberg one of the first Scandinavian settlers in Dania.





## TOWN OF DAVIE

### MICHAEL CROWLEY



**MIKE CROWLEY** came to Florida in 1967 from New York with a large extended family. When he first arrived, he remembers seeing cow pastures and citrus fields everywhere and no development. He started a lawn company and maintained the yards of many of the Town pioneers, before working at the Central Broward Water Control District from 1989, working on flood protection. He worked his way up to District Manager and recently retired after 33 years of service.

He has served on the Water Advisory Board, the Site Plan Committee, and the Town of Davie Town Council for seven years (2003-2010) and is currently serving on the Planning & Zoning Board (since 1999). Mike worked with the Town of Davie Town Council to purchase the property adjacent to the Old Davie School for use as the main entrance, a passive park, and a wetland area and has sought to keep it maintained since. He has been on the Old Davie School Historical Museum Board since 2003 and has served as its president since 2018.

*Nominated by the City of Davie b/  
City of Davie Historical Society*

## OLD DAVIE SCHOOL

The Davie School (also known as the Old Davie School) is a historic school in Davie. It is located at 6650 Griffin Road. Designed by August Geiger, upon its completion in 1917 the Davie School was the first permanent school in the Everglades. It opened its doors in 1918 to 90 students, and was in continuous use as a school until 1980. On March 29, 1988, it was added to the U.S. National Register of Historic Places.



## CITY OF DEERFIELD BEACH

### GLORIA BATTLE



**GLORIA BATTLE** is a second-generation Floridian. She and her mother were born in Broward County, and because of segregation Branchilda Richardson Knowles, a mid-wife, delivered both of them in Deerfield Beach. When she matriculated in the Broward County School System racial segregation kept Caucasian and African Americans from studying together. Your race also determined where you lived. How ironic that she returned home after attending college and spent 20 years as Director of the Broward County Human Rights Division where she had the responsibility of investigating housing and employment discrimination cases.

As a student of activism, having honed those skills while studying at Howard University, she has always and continues to be active in her community. She sat on the Deerfield Beach Commission and continued her activism from the dais. For years, the African American community insisted that property located on land scheduled for a housing development project was actually the first African American Cemetery. Because of her insistence and research, the site is now the home of the Historic Branchilda Richardson Knowles Memorial Park, designated by the National Register of Historic Places.

*Nominated by Deerfield Beach /  
The Deerfield Beach Historical Society*

## DEERFIELD BEACH

The Town of Deerfield was incorporated on June 11, 1925, a year that also saw the opening of the first public library, which was serving a population that had climbed to 1,300 residents. In 1939, the name of the town was changed to Deerfield Beach and the population numbered about 1,800. Although primarily an agricultural community until the late 1940s, after WWII tourists began to discover Deerfield's scenic oceanfront.



## FORT LAUDERDALE



### ROOSEVELT WALTERS



Born in Blackville, SC, Army Veteran **ROOSEVELT WALTERS** has had a 35 year career with Broward Transit.

Mr. Walters recalls the wade-ins led by then NAACP President Eula Johnson, and remembers having to take a ferry to swim at the beach - today's Von Mizell &



Eula Johnson State Park. This pivotal event brought about the desegregation of Broward County's beaches began the Civil Rights movement locally.

Roosevelt was President of Broward NAACP 1989-2000 and President of the Broward Voter's League 1998-2003. Since then he has held various committee appointments at the County, Broward County School Board, and City of Fort Lauderdale, and has been a mass transit advocate for transit oriented development.

*Nominated by City of Fort Lauderdale*

## FORT LAUDERDALE

The City of Fort Lauderdale is named for a Second Seminole War fortification built on the banks of the New River in 1838. That year, Major William Lauderdale led a detachment of Tennessee Volunteers south along the east coast of Florida to capture Seminole agricultural lands and battle the elusive Indian warriors.

It was not until the Florida East Coast Railroad built tracks through the area in the mid-1890s that any organized development began. The city was incorporated in 1911, and in 1915 was designated the county seat of newly formed Broward County.

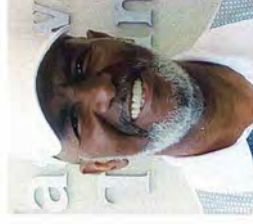


Stranahan House was built in 1901 by Frank Stranahan, credited as Fort Lauderdale's founding father, and his wife Ivy Cromartie Stranahan, the area's first school teacher.

## GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF BROWARD COUNTY



### CARNELL GADSON



**CARNELL GADSON** came to Fort Lauderdale, Broward County, Florida in 1976 from Steubenville, Ohio after serving on active duty in the United States Navy for 3.5 years. While living in Florida, he served in the United States Naval Reserve Construction Battalion in Miami Lakes for 2.5 years.

In Fort Lauderdale he worked with BellSouth / AT&T, achieving a Masters Degree in Public Administration and a Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science along the way. Between 1989 and 2018, he then worked for Broward County Government as a systems analyst,

Memberships include: Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society, FamilySearch.org, Find A Grave, Florida State Genealogical Society (FSGS), GenealogyBank.com, Genealogy.Com, Georgia Genealogy Society (GBS), Georgia Technology Authority, Genealogical Society of Broward County Florida (GSBCFL)

*Nominated by the Genealogical Society of Broward County*

## GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF BROWARD COUNTY



The Genealogical Society of Broward County had its beginning in 1967 when five people attended an organizational meeting. Rapid growth began in the mid-1970's with the Bicentennial and with Alex Haley's novel *ROOTS*, putting emphasis on history and family history.

By the late 1970's, the Society had over a hundred members and was meeting in a courtroom of the Broward County Courthouse. In 1977 the Genealogical Society of Broward County was chartered as a non-profit cultural organization.

## HALLANDALE BEACH



### GLORIA STONER



**GLORIA STONER** was born in Dade County and moved to Broward County in 1948 where her first job was at Dixie Park (aka OB Johnson Park) as a concession stand worker. She worked for and retired from the Broward County School Board as a bus driver then transportation specialist where she received several honors such as shop steward, perfect attendance, and received special performance recognitions from various schools. She was a member of the Hallandale Beach Cemetery Advisory Board for many years. She is also a member of the City's Historic Preservation Board and Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

Ms. Stoner is a lifetime member of the Community Civic Association, serving in many capacities. She has also been an active member of Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church serving as Pastor's Aide and on the decorating committee. Her hobbies include decorating, sewing, and photography.

*Nominated by City of Hallandale Beach*

## HALLANDALE BEACH

Hallandale Beach, like most of Broward County, had no permanent European-descended population until the end of the 19th century. Seminole Indians, in settlements that lay inland of the Atlantic shore, hunted in the area and gathered coontie roots to produce arrowroot starch. The northern edge of Hallandale Beach (along Pembroke Road) still features noticeable hammocks, points elevated above sea level in the distant past. The city is named after Luther Halland, the son of a Swedish worker for Henry Flagler's Florida East Coast Railroad.



## HILLSBORO BEACH



### ANGELIQUE SALIC



**ANGELIQUE SALIC** studied economics at Belgrade University, receiving a diploma in dress design in 1955 and worked as a haute couture designer in Zagreb, Croatia until coming to New York City to work as a dress designer in the Garment District. In June of 1973 with her late husband, Zarko, she took a wrong turn after they attended an ophthalmology congress, and fell in love with Hillsboro Beach, the ocean, and the warm weather.

"As is life, we became older and one by one our dear friends passed away, our group became smaller, I became a widow and life continues to change for me. But I still enjoy every morning going to my balcony, doing my exercises and admiring the ocean and intracoastal since there is nothing more beautiful than the ocean and nature. I can say, I am a proud resident of Hillsboro Beach."

*Nominated by Town of Hillsboro Beach  
Hillsboro Lighthouse Preservation Society*

## HILLSBORO BEACH

A unique town is that it has only one road, with this road running north-south for the entire length of the Town. Just 3 miles long and 900 feet at its widest point, there are approximately 50 single-family residences, and the rest of those residing in Town live in condominiums.

Hillsboro Beach is known far and wide for the Hillsboro Lighthouse, marking the northern end of the Florida Reef and extending 138 feet skyward. Capped with 5.5 million candlepower light, it's one of the tallest and most well-lit lighthouses on the U.S. East Coast.



*One of three Barefoot Mailman statues in South Florida.  
This one, dedicated in 1959, stands guard over the Town of Hillsboro's Town Hall*



# HISTORY FORT LAUDERDALE

## JANE VREELAND



**JANE VREELAND** was born in Broward County in 1949, and graduated from the first graduating class of Nova University in 1974. Her great grandfather was the first keeper of the House of Refuge in what is today Bahia Mar.

Jane is also daughter to Harold "Pee Wee" Vreeland, a Fort Lauderdale native and longtime charter fishing captain. Vreeland ran one of the original nine charter fishing boats known as the Kingfisher Fleet - at the Bahia Mar Resort and Yachting Center in Fort Lauderdale. The son of a

charter fishing captain who took out his first fishing charter in 1913, Vreeland grew up in the business and was widely respected for his skill. His family continue the seafaring tradition.

*Nominated by History Fort Lauderdale*

## HISTORY FORT LAUDERDALE

*History Fort Lauderdale, proud steward of our community's past by making our heritage accessible and engaging to residents and visitors, celebrates its 60th Anniversary in the South Florida community in 2022*



*The New River Inn was constructed in 1905 by the area's first contractor Edwin T. King*

*It was commissioned by Nathan Philemon Bryan, a Jacksonville native and US senator. It was one of the very earliest hotels in the Fort Lauderdale area*

Located on the New River, the Fort Lauderdale History Center tells the story of the community's history from the Tequesta Indians to Pioneers of Fort Lauderdale to the present day through its four historic structures. 1905 New River Inn, which houses the Museum of History and was the first local building to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places.



# HOLLYWOOD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## VALERIA PANCIERA-REITH



**VALERIA PANCIERA-REITH** is a native Hollywood Floridian. Her parents founded the Panciera Memorial Home in Hollywood in 1962. Being born and raised in the funeral industry has provided Valerie with a wealth of understanding, that life truly is a journey, not a destination.



As President and the Director of Bereavement Services at Panciera Properties home of Landmark Funeral Home, Valerie has initiated and developed many programs for the family business. These include, but are not limited to, Celebration of Life Ceremonies, professional in-service workshops, Butterfly's Journey Bereavement Support and pre-need development. Valerie's civic involvement is also commendable. She is a member of the Board of Directors of the Hollywood Historical Society and is a Greater Hollywood Chamber of Commerce member and ambassador.

*Nominated by City of Hollywood / Hollywood Historical Society*

## CITY OF HOLLYWOOD

*From its formal incorporation by adoption of a municipal charter on November 28, 1925, the City of Hollywood has transformed itself.*

*Beginning as an undeveloped tract of pine forests, palmetto plants, and tangled undergrowth interspersed with tomato farms and low lying marshland, it has become the second-most populated city in Broward County and the ninth largest city in the State of Florida. Founded by the planning visionary Joseph Wesley Young, a Washington state native and former resident of California and Indiana, the original one square mile of farmland has grown to over 28.87 square miles.*



**PARKLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

**CAROLYN MARKS**



Born in Herkamer, New York **CAROLINE MARKS** has lived in Broward County for 37 years. "Holmberg Road was the only way in and out of Parkland. The police and fire departments were one. My parents would visit often, and when my father got a brand new car they would check to make sure that we were safe."

Carolyn is a life member of ORT and of Hadassah; a member of the Parkland Woman's Club, Parkland Homeowners Association and a former chair of the Parkland Education Resource Commission.

"Carolyn is all about the welfare of her community. She is relentless! She is a kind and considerate lady of Parkland who has given of herself yesterday, today and tomorrow!" - Lucia Goodhart

*Nominated by Parkland Historical Society*

**CITY OF PARKLAND**

*In the early-1960s, Bruce Barnett Blount, from Mississippi, inherited land in the northwest corner of Broward County from his parents. He had a vision to form a city on a portion of the land he owned, even though in 1963 Parkland had about 22 citizens and a total of nine homes. The City Charter was approved by the Florida House of Representatives on July 10, 1963.*



*In the late 1970s Narco Realty developed the land called Parkland Lakes Planned Unit Development (also known as Cypress Head), and built a \$75,000 City Hall ("Old" City Hall at Holmberg and Park Side Drive). Parkland became ready for the housing boom in 1982, when an upgraded Holmberg Road was extended further west, with traffic circles and traffic lights.*

**CITY OF PLANTATION**

**HENRY LEE DEAN III**



**HENRY LEE DEAN** and his family moved from Bluefield, West Virginia in 1953 to the western Broward County area. His father loved to fish and was attracted to Florida for that reason. He found a nice home in Plantation on Holly Lane near Broward Blvd and would go on to found Dean's Glass & Mirror on State Road 7/US 441 in Plantation. It was in business from 1954 until 2010.



Henry graduated from Ft. Lauderdale High School in 1956. After high school he then served in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves from 1956 to 1961, and the U. S. Coast Guard Reserves from 1961 to 1964.

From 1959 he worked with the Broward Sheriff's Office and in 1963, became a Florida State Trooper. He loved the work and received many recognitions of good, honorable service over a 40 year career.

*Nominated by Plantation Historical Society*

**PLANTATION HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

*In 1974 a small group of woman formed the Plantation Historical Society (PHS) to preserve the history and archives of our community. The first meeting was held in Genevieve Veltri's home and she was elected as the first President. Since 1974, the Plantation Historical Society has dedicated its time and resources to preserving the City's history. The group has educated and enlightened residents and visitors from around the world about our history and those who have worked to make Plantation, "Your Place in the Sun." We are always searching for dedicated individuals to be part of this exciting journey of studying the past and documenting the present for future generations.*



## POMPAÑO BEACH

### ROBERT WHITSETT



**ROBERT WHITSETT** is a fourth-generation resident of Pompano Beach. His great grandfather, George Robert Walton, came to Pompano with his sons in the early part of the century. He farmed the land near Lettuce Lake and owned Mule Lot where he traded farm animals. As a child, Rob was a Boy Scout and achieved the rank of Eagle. He graduated from Pompano High and then attended Palm Beach Jr. College for Dental Technology. He later earned his BS degree in Nuclear Medicine.

Rob now lives in the home his grandfather built in Old Pompano. He is very active in the community. He sits on the board of and volunteers as a tour guide for the Pompano Beach Historical Society. He assists with the bi-monthly city-wide history tours. He also volunteers at the Green Market, the Historic Sample McDougald House, the Pompano Seafood Festival and the Fishing Rodeo. He is also an avid gardener and woodworker. He also has a large collection of antique Christmas lights which can be seen on the trees at both the Sample McDougald House and the Kester Cottage during the holidays.

*Nominated by Pompano Beach Historical Society*

## POMPAÑO BEACH

Pompano Beach celebrated the 100th anniversary of its incorporation on July 3, 2008. It is the second oldest city in Broward County, and the fifth oldest in all of South Florida. Only Key West, West Palm Beach, Miami and Dania Beach became municipalities earlier than Pompano (the "Beach" came later).

Other than Key West, which by the 1820s was already an important port and city, the towns of southeast Florida came into being because of the railroad. In 1896, Henry Flagler decided to extend his Florida East Coast Railway south from West Palm Beach to Miami, opening up land that heretofore had been a virtual wilderness.



## SOUTHWEST RANCHES

### JOSH DYKES



**JOSH DYKES** first started showing cattle at 10 years old at the Palm Beach South Florida Fair.

Pictured right is Josh Dykes' grandfather Morris, working cattle on his property in Southwest Ranches, where the family breed and show Limousin Cattle. On

Morris's death he left the farm and herd to Josh, who continues the family tradition through four generations, showing cattle at fairs throughout the state.

Josh also instructs college classes for vet tech programs, and helps multiple police departments, assisting in animal capture.

*Nominated by Town of Southwest Ranches*



## SOUTHWEST RANCHES

In the fall of 1996 a proposed bill was introduced to the Broward County

Legislative Delegation requesting to annex

all the unincorporated area now known today as Southwest Ranches. Hundreds of citizens from the Southwest Ranches area, called for the right to form their own city, to avoid annexation into Pembroke Pines and to preserve its semi-rural lifestyle. As a result of this grassroots effort, the State Legislature passed a bill in the 1997 session calling for a vote of the citizens of Southwest Ranches which became the County's 30th incorporated place in March 2000.





## SUNRISE

### LORETTA YOUNG



Born in Philadelphia PA, **LORETTA YOUNG** spent 31 years with American Airlines as a customer service and ticket agent. She was also a veteran of the United States Air Force, and spent 27 years serving the veterans of Sunrise at American Legion Post 365, 20 of which as Commander. She also served for 17 years on the 23rd Congressional District as member of the Military Service Academy Board, and was Chair for 10 years. In 2021 she stepped down to provide others to serve in such a prestigious position. For 12 years she has been a member of the Broward County Veterans Helping Veterans Association and the Veterans Court for 7 years. A Commander 22 years on local level, and Chairman at state level of the U.S. Army Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) Youth Program. She is a member of the Broward County JROTC Support Association and the Veterans United of America Association.

*Nominated by City of Sunrise*

## CITY OF SUNRISE

The City of Sunrise was incorporated in 1961 by Norman Johnson - an innovative developer whose model homes attracted buyers to what was then the remote western edge of Broward County in southeast Florida. Originally known as Sunrise Golf Village, the City had a population of 4,300 and comprised just 1.75 square miles by 1967.

In 1971, the City, by referendum, changed its name to the City of Sunrise. Through annexation, Sunrise eventually expanded to its current boundaries - encompassing more than 18 square miles and with a population of 92,000+.



## TAMARAC

### STANLEY FRANCES PANNAMAN



**STANLEY PANNAMAN** moved to South Florida from Long Island, New York, to be close and care for his aging mother in Sunrise. He settled in Tamarac in 2001 immersing himself into the City of Tamarac community. His passion was helping Veterans, he arranged the military guest speakers for the Military Holiday event in the City of Tamarac. Stanley ALWAYS found time to help a veteran. Working through the VA, his knowledge of the system gave him the ability to help other Veterans. It was not unheard of for him to answer a call for help at any hour of the day and night. He in truth was a Veterans' Veteran.

He loved helping animals and was passionate about the environment as a member of the Sierra Club. He volunteered during the turtle hatching season to ensure the area was protected from intruders. He enjoyed spending time with his great niece and nephew and their children who lived very close. He traveled to North Carolina to visit his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

*Nominated by Tamarac Historical Society*

## TAMARAC

Officially incorporated on July 19, 1963, the City of Tamarac was founded by developer Kenneth E. Behring. Mr. Behring's vision was to offer the convenience of a condominium with the privacy of a single-family home for active retirees.

The first neighborhood he built was Tamarac Lakes, located on the eastern side of the city. The new homes were one- or two-bedroom homes that surrounded a common clubhouse which provided a great deal of social activities for the residents. New neighborhoods such as the Mainlands and Woodlands followed as the Behring Corporation was able to purchase more land.





## WEST PARK

### JOHN HUGHLEY

"There were a lot of bushes and dirt when we moved here. There weren't many houses at that time either. It was exciting to move to a new area and watch it become a community. I love it here, and I never want to live anywhere else because to me, this is home. I've met some wonderful people and had some great neighbors who looked out for me and my family, and I did the same for them. I have been very blessed to live here in Carver Ranches (West Park). My daughters used to walk to Hank's Store and spend their change there. I had a garden that had collar greens, tomatoes, onions, and sometimes watermelons. Also, I am a World War II veteran who proudly fought for this country."

**- JOHN HUGHLEY**

*Nominated by City of West Park*

## WEST PARK

The City of West Park is Broward County's newest city. The previously unincorporated neighborhoods of Carver Ranches, Lake Forest, Miami Gardens, and Utopia embarked on the road to incorporation in 2004, after the Florida Legislature approved House Bill 1491, which provided for an election on November 2, 2004. Following a vote of 3,400 to 956 for incorporation, West Park was on its way to becoming Broward County's 31st city.



## WILTON MANORS

### PAUL A. KUTA



"I remember attending the grand celebration for the 50th anniversary of Wilton Manors in 1997 and having historian Stuart McIver sign my copy of his book about our city. Little did I know then that I would become the long-standing Treasurer of the Wilton Manors Historical Society. I also was pleased to have the lead role in gaining Wilton Manors City Council approval to designate the Woman's Club and Richardson Historic Park as historic landmarks in Wilton Manors. I am pleased to have a continuing role in the annual Wilton Manors Veterans Day ceremony. I am proud of our Veterans Memorial right in the heart of our City. I continue to get great satisfaction in chairing the Friends of the Library outreach book events to raise funds for our local public library. I have done this for over 20 years. I am amused to be known as the "Book Man" in Wilton Manors."

**-PAUL KUTA**

*Nominated by Wilton Manors Historical Society*

## WILTON MANORS

Before it was named Wilton Manors, the area in which Wilton Manors is now located was known as Colohatchee. This name appeared as the name of a train stop on the Florida East Coast railroad in these early days of Floridian development. The name Wilton Manors was created by a land developer from Georgia in 1925. Ned Willingham led the early development of the town, and Wilton Manors was officially incorporated as a municipality in 1947.





## JUDGE CLAYTON NANCE AWARD

### RICHARD & BARBARA MCCALL

The Town of Davie is honored to submit Richard and Barbara McCall for the Judge Clayton Nance Memorial Award.



Barbara is a Davie native and was educated at Davie Elementary, Fort Lauderdale High, and Florida State University, where she graduated with a bachelor's degree in Nursing. Richard came to Davie as a teenager, attending Fort Lauderdale High and the University of Florida (taking classes in Horticulture). The two married in 1958 and just recently celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary.

Barbara's grandparents, William and Anna Griffin, were one of the first families to settle in Davie (called "Zona" at that time). Years later, Griffin Road was given their name, as a tribute to the family, by the Broward County Commission. Richard worked for the Griffin Brothers (the family landscape business) for 26 years, while Barbara ran a sewing business making wedding dresses. They had four children, all born and raised in Davie. Barbara started the McCall Nursery & Landscape with her oldest son when he was a teenager; thereafter, Richard joined the company along with the other three children.

Richard and Barbara were also very active in the community and devoted much of their time to Davie. They worked alongside her parents at the annual Orange Blossom Festivals, were school volunteers, scout leaders, church members, part of the Davie Historical Society, and have been involved with Broward County Pioneer Days for years.

Barbara also became a founding member of the Davie School Foundation and the Soroptimist International Club of Davie, a women's service

## JUDGE CLAYTON NANCE AWARD

organization. These groups were formed to save the historic 1918 Davie School from demolition. She served as president and treasurer of the Foundation for many years and was instrumental in preserving the school. The Old Davie School is one of the oldest buildings in the county and was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1988.

Richard has always been a craftsman and decided to join Barbara in the restoration of the school and surrounding buildings. He joined the Foundation and received a grant to develop a garden, built a 1909 pioneer house replica on the school property, refurbished the relocated 1912 Walsh home, and set up exhibits in the school.

To this day, they still do projects for the school and continue to be donors to the Foundation to keep the property viable for many generations to come.

Since retirement, they moved into Hammer Heritage Estates, a residential community in Davie their children built and live in this development amongst their grandchildren.

They are outside everyday maintaining and landscaping their yard, as well as helping neighbors with their yards and constantly doing home improvement projects.

### JUDGE CLAYTON NANCE AWARD

The Judge L. Clayton Nance Award has been presented by the Broward County Historical Commission since 1979. Among the past recipients of this award are several prominent local historians, preservation activists, newly created museums, educational organizations, and cultural sites. The Fort Lauderdale Naval Air Station, Ah Thi Ki, the African-American Research Library, the Old Davie School, Broward County Urban River Trails and the Women's History Coalition are among past award winners.

Circuit Court Judge L. Clayton Nance (1924 -1979) was devoted to the study of local history. He spearheaded a drive to create a county-level commission to protect and promote local heritage and, in 1973, the Broward County Historical Commission was founded. From 1972 to 1979, he served as the official advisor to the Commission. He oversaw every facet of Commission activity, from Pioneer Days to the stocking of the research library and amassing of the Commission's map collection. Judge Nance was also the first public defender in Florida and the first public defender elevated to the Circuit Court.

## SPECIAL AWARD

### DAVIE WOMAN'S CLUB



The Town of Davie is honored to submit the Davie Woman's Club for the Stuart P. McIver Historian's Award. This nomination is especially poignant as the Davie Woman's Club is celebrating its 100th anniversary serving the Davie community and will be celebrating its 75th anniversary at its current location. The Club has served the community since its inception; starting Davie's first library and continuing to assist many organizations over the years.

The Davie Woman's Club first meeting was held in August 1922 consisting of 18 members at the Old Davie School site. The Club opened at its current location in 1947/48 despite a hurricane with widespread flooding impacting the area during building construction. The Davie Woman's Club is the oldest formally social service organization in Davie for women. In 2016, their clubhouse received the National Register of Historic Places designation in the area of social/entertainment/recreation.

The Davie Woman's Club continues to be an essential part of the Davie community and culture through its service and celebration of the area's history. At the annual Orange Blossom Festival, Club members celebrate the Strawberry Shortcake Festival that has become a mainstay of the Orange Blossom Festival. The clubhouse continues to serve as a meeting place for religious events, entertainment, and other important life events.

*Proposed by Town of Davie*

## HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD SPECIAL AWARD

Traditionally this award is presented to a person or group who has contributed to the mission of the BCHC and does not qualify under the other award criteria. Other Awards not always given out every year include:

### HISTORIC CONTRIBUTOR AWARD

#### JULIA SNOW JONES AWARD

*Given in 2005 only to a person who persistently battled on behalf of historic preservation issues*

#### F. K. WALKER AWARD

*Memorial Award in memory of Annette Van Howe*

#### ARCHEOLOGIST'S AWARD (1998 only)

#### SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

#### APPRECIATION AWARD

#### VOLUNTEER AWARD (one year only)

#### CO-SPONSOR AWARD

## STUART P. MCIVER HISTORIAN'S AWARD

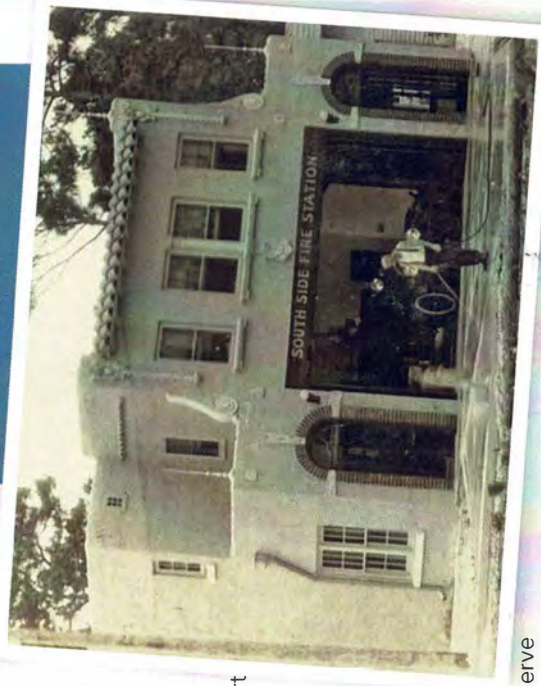
### REED TOBLER

*Proposed by Broward Trust for Historic Preservation*



The Broward Trust for Historic Preservation nominates Reed Tolber for the Stuart P. McIver Historian Award for Reed's effort to continue to bring into the forefront Fort Lauderdale's History with his Law Office Firehouse # 2. The continuing work that goes into his mission is to maintain historic conservation and preserve this designated historic landmark. We believe Reed is a perfect fit for this award.

Mr. Tolber has been honored by the City of Fort Lauderdale and the Broward County Historical Society for his successful restoration of the city's first fire station, a historical landmark. The South Side Fire Station (circa 1925) serves as law offices for the firm.



## STUART P. MCIVER HISTORIAN'S AWARD

The Historian's award was started in 1992 and traditionally this award is presented to a person or group who has contributed to the mission of the BCHC and does not qualify under the other award criteria.

## DR. COOPER KIRK MEMORIAL AWARD

### KEN CUTLER



For supporting the memory and history of the Holocaust, Rubin Stacy Initiative, local and State history and by bringing together young and old in education projects about the dangers of bigotry, hatred and intolerance.

The City of Parkland is honored to have submit Vice Mayor Ken Cutler for the Dr. Cooper C. Kirk Memorial Award. Over the years, Mr. Cutler has taken close to 50 projects, mostly in his spare time, that have unearthed histories that have been largely forgotten or ignored.

Working from his home computer and searching for books, Mr. Cutler uses some of his skills as a partner in a personal injury and commercial litigation firm.

His various research projects have included among others -- uncovering information about local land-owner John L. Homborg (Homborg Road); State Supreme Court Justice George W. Macrae; the County's last lynching victim Rubin Stacy, and incorporating stories of children lost to the Holocaust in bar or bat mitzvahs of Jewish youth today.

Long a treasurer of books and old book shops, genealogical research (including uncovering fascinating information of his own ancestors) and support for archaeological site preservation, Mr. Cutler's 50 year journey has been ceaseless and ongoing. We salute him in all that he does to ensure that Broward's history stays alive.  
Nominated by City of Parkland

### DR. COOPER C. KIRK MEMORIAL AWARD

The Dr. Cooper C. Kirk Memorial Award has been presented by the Broward County Historical Commission since 1992. Most past winners of the Kirk award have published significant works on local history or been leaders in local history setting fine examples of historical research following the tradition set by Dr. Kirk who, starting in 1972, served as the first Broward County Historian.

A sought after lecturer on local history Kirk was a tireless researcher. His work on Major Lauderdale, for whom the City of Fort Lauderdale was named, was published in book form in 1982 as William Lauderdale: General Andrew Jackson's Warrior which earned him wide acclaim. The Cooper Kirk award was first given in 1992. It is traditionally presented to those involved in writing or supporting efforts regarding local history.

## SPECIAL APPRECIATION AWARD

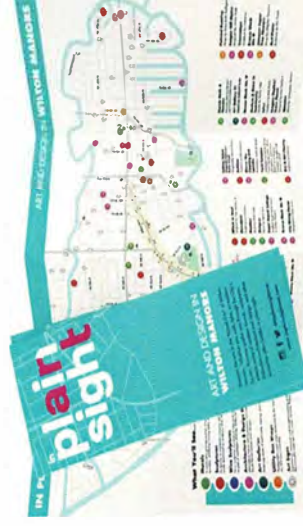
### CITY OF WILTON MANORS

To recognize the **CITY OF WILTON MANORS** for their long commitment and support of local history, historic sites, parks and water resources and embracing cultural diversity. The City is celebrating its 75th anniversary of incorporation as one of Broward's most unique and inclusive communities.

In 2021 Wilton Manors Commissioners gave the go-ahead to form a new city board to preserve historic properties. The ordinance creates a Historical Preservation Board composed of at least five members who will designate and review properties under the criteria set forth by the National Register.



Above: Richardson Historic Park Manor House, provides a quaint location for receptions, meetings, special events office space for the Wilton Manors Historical Society and City of Wilton Manors Leisure Services Department staff.



### AN ART GUIDE FOR THE ISLAND CITY

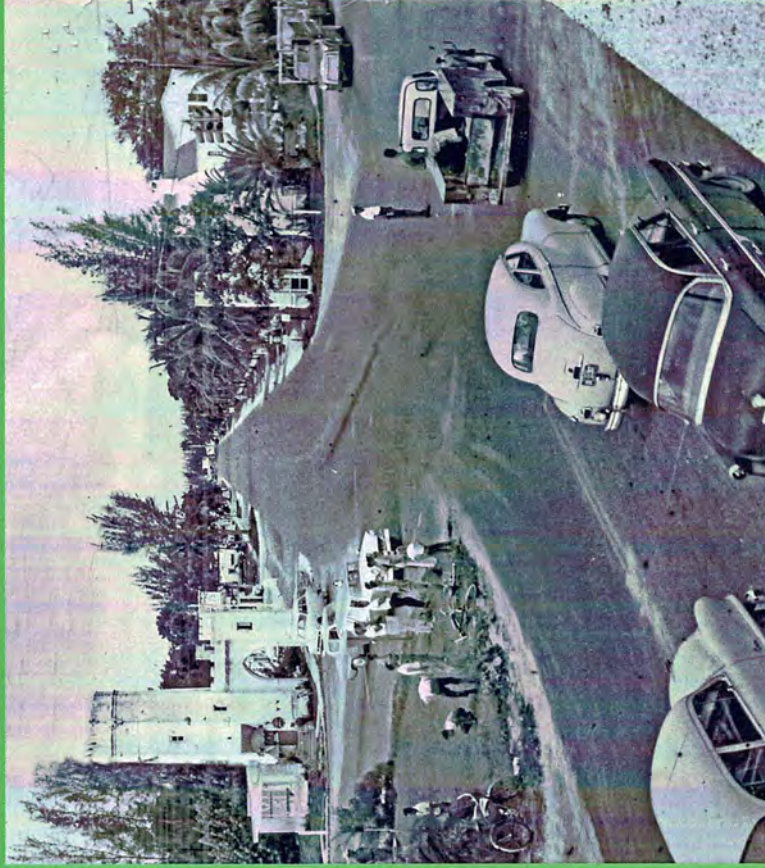
Discover all the art and design gems of Wilton Manors with the In Plain Sight art guide. Whether you walk, bike or explore by car, the map guides you through the city's eclectic array of outdoor murals, sculptures, distinctive architecture, unique designs, and other curiosities - often hidden in plain sight. Hard copy maps can be found all over Wilton Manors: City Hall, Hagen Park Community Center, Richard C. Sullivan Public Library, and at select local galleries, restaurants, cafes and shops. The In Plain Sight website hosts an interactive map with additional details about the highlighted sights and provides useful resource links to related topics and organizations.

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Nominated by Wilton Manors Historical Society

# WILTON MANORS IN PICTURES

*Photos courtesy of Wilton Manors Historical Society*



The Five Points intersection, Wilton Manors, in 1955

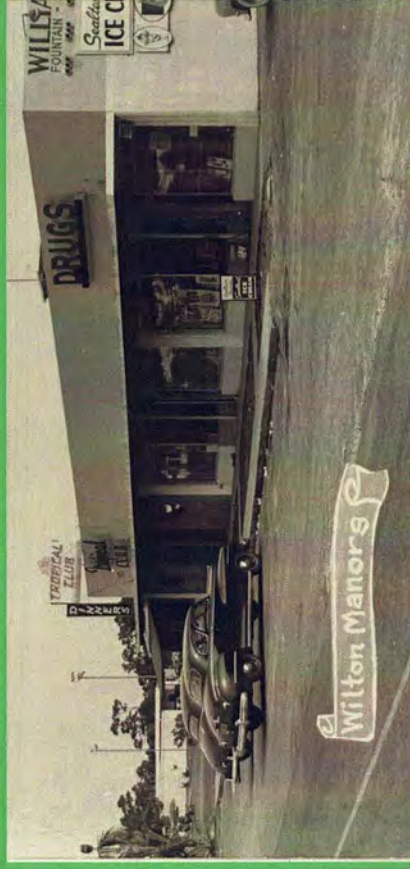


With its sawdust floors and open sides, Manor Market on Wilton Drive was our go-to grocery store back in the 1940's.

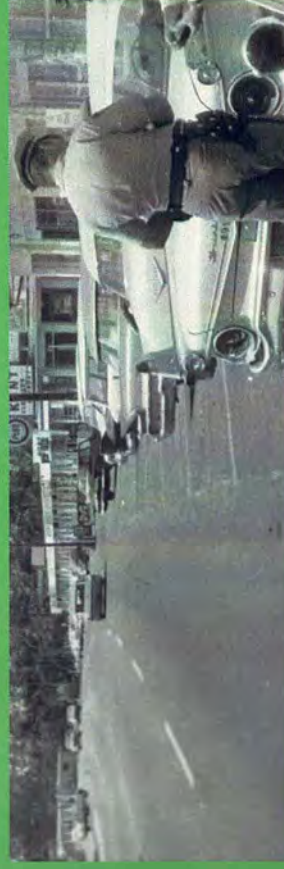
The founders of Wilton Manors legally separated from Fort Lauderdale to escape paying a portion of that city's debt



The City's Southern Entrance, just over the Middle River South Fork.



This is a photo of the Tropical Club from 1959.



While we no longer see angled parking, tailfins or a beauty school on Wilton Drive, we might see the occasional citation.

# PIONEER DAY: OUR BROWARD LEGACY

**THE PIONEERING SPIRIT**, lauded throughout the illustrious history of our country, can never be commended too strongly. There aren't too many places today where one can sit and hear a first-hand account of what the area was like with only a handful of settlers. Yet many in Broward County can still recall what it was like when its one-million-plus population was one-tenth that number. That's what Pioneer Day is all about. It's a celebration of those who can say "I remember when."



And, someday, some of the newer residents may be able to recount, in that same spirit, "I remember Broward County's first Pioneer Day." Shortly after the Broward County Historical Commission was formed in November 1972, Commission Member Sue Phillips suggested that the group establish an annual Countywide fair or show, honoring pioneer residents. It would permit the historical societies and other civic-oriented groups to exhibit their historical and educational materials.

*County Commissioners, 1915, Broward County, Florida. State Archives of Florida / Florida Memory*

The desired result, of course, was to share information about the area's history and heritage with Broward's residents. With the help of the Mental Health Association of Broward County, the First Annual *Broward County Pioneer Day* was held May 5-6, 1973, at the American Heritage School in Wilton Manors. Featuring the Seminole Indians, 3,000 people turned out for the premier *Pioneer Day*. First published in *Broward Legacy Magazine*

