

July 2006

SoRoPa Neighbors

News of Note:

- Funds approved for Veterans Park Repair & Improvement
- 2nd Annual Oktoberfest Celebration September 30, 10am to 10pm
- Dachshunds wanted for Dachshund Races
- Engineer needed for Unsafe Structures Board
- Permitting Department goes online. Check the city website:

www.oaklandparkfl.org

Individual Highlights:

Adopt-A-Street &
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Monthly Meetings &
Mission 4

Neighborhood Meeting – August 1st, 7:30 pm – Fire Station

Tentative Topics:

- Veterans Park Repair & Improvements,
- Canal Clean-up,
- Bulk Trash,
- City Volunteer Program,
- Amoco Station,
- Other topics as suggested by you, the residents!

Speakers to include:

- ❖ Mayor Steven Amst,
- ❖ Bud Bentley, Parks & Recreation,
- ❖ Ken & Linda Martin, Oakland Park Volunteer Program,
- ❖ Dave Womacks has been invited,
- ❖ Others TBA...!

Are You A Nosy Neighbor? Good For You!

Our watchful eyes are paying off.

Continue to keep your eyes open and know what is normal in your neighborhood. The #1 deterrent to neighborhood crime is you, the watchful neighbor!

See a car you don't recognize or a person hanging around of a home that gives you a funny feeling? You know better than a cop on patrol, what is normal for your neighborhood.

Have you ever seen something next door and wondered if everything was alright? Did you wonder if maybe you should call the police?

Why did you hesitate? Afraid you might be wrong? What if you are right?

The Police Department works for us, to serve and protect us. Don't hesitate to contact them.

If you have a funny feeling that something is not right, don't wait until you are sure you are right, contact the BSO!

If you suspect danger, a crime in action or want fast attention, call 911. If you have a funny feeling about something and just want a second pair of eyes to check it out, call BSO's non-emergency line at (954) 765-4321. If you can't get through, call the Oakland Park Station non-emergency number at (954) 561-6111

Note - If you are going away, submit a vacation alert. Call (954) 561-6111. BSO will stop by and keep an eye on your



SoRoPa Neighbors Adopt-A-Street

Prior to the arrival of Hurricane Wilma, our neighborhood adopted NW 21st Ave. from NW 32nd St. to NW 36th St..

We spend 3 hours one weekend every quarter, cleaning up our area. The 1st clean-up was cancelled because of Wilma but its time to get together.

We clean-up our section of NW 21st Ave. and then celebrate our success with a block party.

We will have a Neighborhood "Block Party" following the clean-up.

If we can match the delicious treats that were shared at the last Block Party, we will have another wonderful evening of fun and sharing!

If you have any questions, check with your block representative or send me an email at aesallee@yahoo.com

Its time to plan our next clean-up.

**Don't miss
Oakland Park's 2nd
Annual Oktoberfest
Celebration,
Saturday, September 10th
10:00 am to 10:00 pm,
Corner of Dixie Highway &
NE 38th Street
Downtown Oakland Park**

Block Representatives (Contact your rep with questions & comments)

32nd Ct - Karen Nagy, 1980 NW 32nd Ct., (954)609-8845

31st St. & 32nd St – Dennis & Gwen Cox, 1851 NW 32nd St , (954) 730-7254

33rd Ct. - Richard & Jean Bernhardt, 1851 NW 33rd Ct, (954) 486-4057

33rd St. - Hope Gold, 1940 NW 33rd St, (954) 684 0638

34th St. - Anne & Steve Sallee, 1971 NW 34th St, (954) 717-3090

35th & 36th St. - Al Wakefield & Marshall Belmaine, (954) 714-0758, 1920 NW 36th St.

21st Ave - Paul Spearing & Louis Weinberg, 3520 NW 21st Ave, (954) 733 9871-H & (954) 579 9662-C

City Clean-Up Update

Veteran's Park – Repairing Hurricane Wilma Damage. Veteran's Park received significant damage from Hurricane Wilma. The foundation of the boardwalk was washed out in several places, trees were destroyed and the east shoreline of the lake eroded. Brian Hopper, Parks & Urban Landscape Manager, has pursued FEMA mitigation funding to restore the east shoreline of the lake, which needs to be done before fixing the boardwalk. Parks and Recreation has received notice that the City is eligible for \$38,000 for shoreline restoration at Veteran's Park.

City Engineer is aiming to get this work included in the scope of the project to fix the boardwalk and shoreline. This FEMA mitigation grant is due to the special efforts of Mr. Hopper.

The \$38,000 mentioned above is in addition to the \$43,188 we received from FEMA to fix the boardwalk, which total \$81,188 in capital work at the park.

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City Clean-up Continued



... it may be feasible to install a few exercise stations in the park from the Department's FY07 operating budgets without the formal planning/budgeting for a capital project. (Next fiscal year, which starts on October 1, 2006, is referred to as FY07.)

Bud Bentley has asked us to make suggestions for the type of exercise stations that you think would be most used by park patrons. "type of stations" means, pull-up, sit-up, stretching, etc.

There are other projects ongoing at the park such as:

1. Many of the area lights in the park were damaged by Hurricane Wilma. Once they were fixed, it became apparent that the remaining 5 light fixtures need to be replaced so all of the lights would be new. The additional fixtures are on order. In addition, the purchase order has been issued to paint all of the light poles.
2. At its meeting of June 21, 2006, the City Commission approved the proposal of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Chapter 674 to place a memorial, honoring their organization and the veterans who served in combat, at Veterans Park. The red granite memorial will be purchased by their organization and they will arrange for the delivery and installation of the memorial. Presently, there is no monument in place to honor the men and women wounded in combat. This would allow veterans to pay tribute to the recipients of the nation's oldest military decoration the "Purple Heart." The memorial would be donated to the city and the city would be responsible for its future maintenance.

At that meeting the Commission asked that the Department begin planning a future project to enhance the Memorial area of the park. As they plan significant projects in the park, the Parks & Recreation Department will seek neighborhood input.

3. As part of the hurricane recovery efforts, considerable time and resource has been spent in the park removing debris and getting the park back into shape.
4. On July 15, 2006, the City planted eleven Live Oak trees as part of the hurricane replacement program.
5. New trash receptacles have been added throughout the park.
6. New signage (NO Swimming - Do not enter the water) has been installed along the shoreline.
7. A safety audit has been conducted and corrections made where appropriate.
8. They have ordered new benches and tables for the park.
9. They have added a grill and a picnic table on the south end near the playground. At the request of the neighbor that shares the wall next to the parking lot, the grill and table have been relocated farther away from the wall.

**JOIN US AT THE FIRE STATION, TUESDAY,
AUGUST 1ST AT 7:30 FOR THIS AND MORE!!!**

Have you checked out the
City website?

www.oaklandparkfl.org

Its chock full of valuable
information!



What is SoRoPa Neighbors?

South Royal Palm Acres Neighbors United is a neighborhood group focused on improving crime prevention awareness, strengthening spirit and fostering pride in our community in order to provide a safer, organized and more beautiful place for all of us to live.

The mission of South Royal Palm Acres Neighbors United is...

- To encourage and promote community pride in our neighborhood by providing a forum for neighborhood activity.
- To be a voice for our common neighborhood interests by acting as liaison with governmental bodies and with institutions.
- To serve as a focal point for maintenance and improvement of institutions and facilities serving our neighborhood, including parks, schools, and public safety services, and to provide an avenue for neighborhood social activities.
- To encourage and facilitate vigorous citizen participation in all issues affecting our neighborhood, including land use, zoning changes, traffic patterns, and street modifications.
- To promote the welfare of the community.
- To Have Fun!

Please Join Us!

**Your Neighborhood Organization meets at the Fire Station
the 1st Tuesday of every month at 7:30.**

If you don't participate in the process, you won't have a voice.
We look forward to your comments and participation.