

August 2006

SoRoPa Neighbors

News of Note:

- Bulk Trash Changes Coming Soon!!!

- 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

Neighborhood Meeting – September 12th, 7:30 pm – Fire Station

Tentative Topics:

- Neighborhood Block Party,
- Bulk Trash,
- Hurricane Preparedness,
- Veterans Park,
- 19th Ave. Closure,
- Neighborhood Traffic Problems
- Other topics as suggested by you, the residents!

Speakers to include:

- ❖ Chris Gratz, City Traffic Consultant,
- ❖ Oakland Park BSO Representative,
- ❖ Surprise Guest
- ❖ Others TBA...!

Bulk Trash Changes Coming Soon!!!

A reliable source reports that at the end of this year, the burdensome practices of bundling, etc. will be changed to a process that is easier to comply with.

Neighborhood Watch Update

Our watchful eyes are paying off.

Individual Highlights:

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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 a watchful eye on your home.



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've had a couple of clean-ups since that time.

We pick up the debris on the sides of our section of NW 21st Ave. and then celebrate our success with a block party.

Its time to plan our next clean-up.

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

**Don't miss
Oakland Park's 2nd
Annual Oktoberfest
Celebration,
Saturday, September 30th
10:00 am to 10:00 pm,
Corner of Dixie Highway &
NE 38th Street
Downtown Oakland Park**

Block Representatives (Contact your rep with questions &

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

Parks & Recreation Update

Veteran's Park – Our Park is looking more beautiful day by day thanks to the efforts of the Parks and Recreation Department!!!

If you haven't been over there lately, please make an effort to stroll the Park. Requests have come in to add exercise stations, a walking track and bird and butterfly attracting foliage.

A grand total of more than \$81,000.00 has been obtained through a combination of grants and FEMA funds to repair the shoreline and repair the boardwalk at the park. All the work that needs to be done will take quite awhile to accomplish but you can see changes as our Parks Department clears out the old overgrown shrubbery and replaces it with fresh new plantings.

The increase in recreational use of the park is serving to discourage the undesirable elements in the area. Lets keep it up!

When you walk the park, keep in mind what else you would like to see there.
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Parks & Recreation Continued

There are plans ahead for additional benches, for a pedestrian bridge over the canal on the west side of NW 21st Ave. and for possible expansion of the park on down the road to make use of the property that borders the canal.

At the last neighborhood meeting someone raised questions about a boat ramp. Interestingly, when brush was cleared away from the lakeside an old boat ramp was discovered!

Bud Bentley, the head of our Parks and Rec Department, 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:

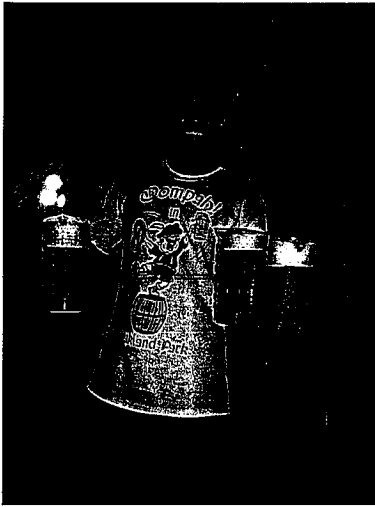
1. Many of the area lights in the park were damaged by Hurricane Wilma. Once they were fixed, it became apparent that the remaining 5 light fixtures need to be replaced so all of the lights would be new. The additional fixtures are on order. In addition, the purchase order has been issued to paint all 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. I have been happy to see families using the grill and the bench, especially to note that they seem to be cleaning up after themselves!

**JOIN US AT THE FIRE STATION, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER
12TH AT 7:30 FOR THIS AND MORE!!!**

Have you checked out the
City website?

www.oaklandparkfl.org
It's 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.