

December 2006

SoRoPa Neighbors

News of Note:

- Permitting Department goes online. Check the city website:

www.oaklandparkfl.org

Neighborhood Meeting December 5th, 7:30 pm - Fire Station

Tentative Topics:

- "Walk Through Wednesdays" in our permitting department
- The Upcoming Performing Arts Schedule
- OP Emergency Volunteers
- Community Roundtable Tour

Speakers to include:

- ❖ Lt. Hubrig of BSO
- ❖ Community Development
- ❖ Others TBA...!



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Bad Guys Talk - Bad Guys Know

South Royal Palm Acres continues to have a relatively low crime rate along with a couple of other nearby neighborhoods. According to Lt. Hubrig of the BSO, it is because the people who commit crimes know where neighbors watch and know where they call.

The #1 deterrent to neighborhood crime is you, the watchful neighbor!

Lt. Hubrig also reported that there was one home burglary in Royal Palm Acres recently. In this case, a neighbor did notice suspicious activity, but hesitated in placing the call.

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

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.

\$ 50-50 Raffle \$

Join us in a 50-50 raffle to cover cost of refreshments!
(and perhaps enrich your pockets!!!)

The City of Oakland Park Presents **WALK-THROUGH WEDNESDAYS**

"Quick Service Permitting"

8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

In July, Oakland Park staff began devoting every Wednesday to allowing residents and contractors to walk in with complete applications and walk out with the following types of permits only:

Maximum of five (5) permits per day per customer



Plumbing

- sewer replacements
- water service replacements
- plumbing fixture replacements
- water heater replacement
- gas appliance replacement (2)
- residential irrigation systems

Mechanical

- air conditioner replacements
- pool heat pump replacements (2)

Electrical

- service changes
- low voltage permits [no fire alarms]
- burglar alarms

Structural

- re-roofs (4)
- fences (3) [vinyl coated (4)]
- concrete patios (3)
- shutters (4)
- window replacements (4)
- screen enclosures (3), (4)
- sheds (2), (3), (4)

(2) Provide manufacturer's sheets and installation instructions.

(3) Requires zoning review.

(4) Product approvals required.



Dog-Walking in Veterans Park

Anne has spoken to a representative of the Veterans and confirmed that their objection to allowing dogs in Veterans Park is an objection to additional spending on "doggie waste stations" and signage, rather than a concern over soiling in the area of the statue. Parks and Recreation is considering a 6-month trial period.

*Have you checked out the
City website?*

www.oaklandparkfl.org

*Its chock full of valuable
information!*

Neighborhood Web Page – Performing Arts

Don't forget to stay tuned to our neighborhood web page.

www.neighborhoodlink.com/op/soropa

The Performing Arts schedule for the coming season has just been posted. If you haven't attended one of the performances at our historic auditorium, be sure to check it out!!! The performances are entertaining and, best of all, FREE!!!

Oakland Park Strategic Planning Continues

I attended a Community Roundtable Meeting with about 30 other city residents and leaders. Together we identified and clarified the city's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats ("SWOT"). The purpose of our meeting was to set the framework and prepare the data and information to be used by our city commissioners when they meet in their Strategic Planning Workshop in the spring of 2007.

For those of you who missed the November neighborhood meeting, we had a discussion of the "SWOT" of our town. I brought the thoughts and comments of our neighborhood to the roundtable meeting and shared them with the City Manager and the group for inclusion in the strategic planning. This SWOT exercise is also posted on the City website for all residents to use to provide input to the commission.

All of this work will go towards providing our city leaders and employees with a "North Star" to guide the day-to-day actions of city staff and direction of our city's future growth and development.

The Performance Excellence Initiative will be a key contributor to minimize future cost increases through staff's efforts to regularly look for ways to improve the delivery of City services to residents and businesses. Through this work, the performance excellence initiative will strive to:

- a. Provide "Best in Broward" service delivery and results
- b. Establish our competitive advantage by becoming the employer of choice among cities in South Florida
- c. Build a climate that reinforces employee ownership of their jobs and day-to-day professionalism.

The initiative will be patterned after the Florida Sterling Council's Organizational Performance Excellence Program. Oakland Park will become one of a select group of Florida cities and counties that are undertaking a concerted effort to improve the services, programs and results that are important to residents and businesses.

-Anne Lawrence-Sallee

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, 1920 NW 36th St., (954) 714-0758

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

18th Ave. - Neighbors Needed

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

18th Avenue Neighbors Needed

Neighbors on 18th Avenue are invited, encouraged and welcomed to attend. Our meetings are on the first Tuesday of every month, 7:30 pm at the Fire Station at NW 21st Avenue and NW 39th Streets.

For more about what SoRoPa Neighbors United is about, see the description below.



Neighborhood Holiday Party

Holiday Plans – at our November meeting it was agreed that the rush of the holiday is upon us and rather than try to squeeze in yet another party in the time of plenty, we would hold our regular monthly meeting December 5th, and plan a fun event in February, when our calendars are in need of a bit of fun.

Bring a holiday treat to share at our December meeting and we will see you there!

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.