

Clearwater

"Your Link to a Better Neighborhood"

Coalition

Neighborhoods

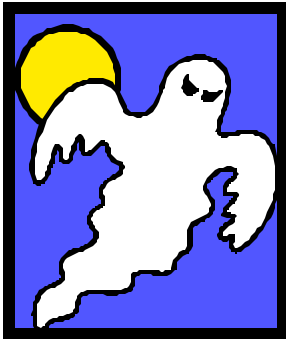


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Don't be afraid to come!

November 1, 2004 MEETING AGENDA
CNC PowerPoint presentation--dialogue
Report on Florida Neighborhoods Conference
Neighborhood Issues--work session
Report from Nominating Committee

COMING IN DECEMBER

Code Corner--monthly excerpts from City Code
Speaker on legal news for associations

City of Clearwater Neighborhood Awards

Neighborhood of Quarter is Old Clearwater Bay.
Homes of quarter include: Robert Harn at 1254 Franklin St.,
Teri Anello at 1429 Ambassador Dr., the Hampseys at 1031 Bay
Esplanade, and Scott Crellin at 212 Richards Ave.

Congratulations

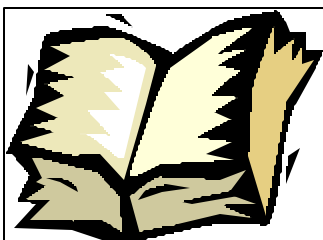
The City of Clearwater is proud to announce the City of Clearwater's Information Day Program. This program was established to encourage neighborhoods to address neighborhood needs, while building neighborhood communication between our residents, City Government, and other agencies that service our community.

In the past we have found that those neighborhoods that have partnered with the city and community businesses have become better acquainted, cultivated partnerships, focused on priorities, and embraced common goals, and added value to neighborhoods that have enhanced the quality of life in the neighborhoods that make up our great city.

Community Information Days

Community Information Days are an excellent opportunity for City Departments and local service providers to distribute information about programs and services that benefit Clearwater residents.

If you are interested in holding a community information program in your neighborhood or as a part of an upcoming event, please call Neighborhood Services Coordinators Kurt Kraus at 562-4585 or Eric Wilson at 562-4554



Check the City Code for help with neighborhood issues and deed restriction problems

When & Where CNC meeting
Monday, November 1, 2004 7:00 P.M.
Long Center Boardroom—Upstairs
1501 Belcher Road ——Clearwater

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 4, 2004 MEETING

*Have your directors
names or addresses
changed?*

*Notify Rich
Glasgow (791-
9317) to ensure that
you promptly receive
this newsletter.*

*Ever think about nominating
your neighborhood for the
Neighborhood of the Quar-
ter?*

*E--mail or call Janis Smith
at 562-4665*

*Doesn't your neighborhood
deserve the recognition?*

1. President Doug Williams called the meeting to order. He recognized the guests present, including Ronnie Duncan, candidate for Pinellas County Commission. Each member introduced themselves, neighborhood affiliation, and number of homes represented.
2. Doug introduced our speaker, Chuck Warrington, Managing Director of the Clearwater Gas System. Chuck gave us an overview of the publicly owned utility, which has been providing service since 1923. They provide natural gas and propane, with gas being 30 to 40 % cheaper than electric service. The system provides service to 10 times the City area, from Redington Beach to S.R. 52 in Pasco County and east to Walsingham Road. They are growing at a 7% yearly rate and are the 4th largest public utility in Florida and the 40th largest public utility in the USA. The utility is run like a business and makes money for the City. He provided a chart listing neighborhoods in the City and if gas was available there. They need 80% of home participation in a neighborhood for it to be profitable to run a line; they will survey a neighborhood, but success requires a "booster" within the neighborhood. Extending the neighborhood line to an individual home is based on a 7 year payback, which usually means use of a gas water heater and at least one other appliance, such as a dryer or gas grill. Popular items include a tank less instantaneous water heater and a permanent gas generator. Within 2 years a combination air conditioner-generator should be available. They will provide a portable gas grill for community barbeques (call 562-4900) and work with neighborhoods for entrance signs that have gas lighting.
3. The minutes of the September 13, 2004 meeting were approved as published in the newsletter with one correction noted--the April 30, 2005 CNC Neighborhoods Conference will be held at the "Clearwater Christian College".
4. The treasurer's report was approved. John Doran reported our net worth as \$ 552.64. Total assets are \$ 1909.00, with \$ 1063.55 reserved for the 2005 Neighborhoods Conference. Dues of \$ 1050.00 have been collected from 27 neighborhoods.
5. OLD BUSINESS
 - CNC Neighborhoods Conference Sandra Curry reported it will be held on 4/30/05 at Clearwater Christian College in the gymnasium. Attendance is free and plenty of parking is available. Progress Energy and Clearwater Gas are major sponsors, with Bank of America still a possibility. Four workshop topics are planned to cover legal aspects, planning , working with government, diversity of membership and other neighborhood topics.
 - State Neighborhoods Conference Doug, John, Sandy, Elizabeth & Jan reported on sessions they attended. Doug said there was much new information on legal matters affecting homeowner groups and suggested a November program to address those issues. Other workshops on free website design, neighborhood zoning and deed restriction enforcement via Community Development Boards, capturing the history of a neighborhood, attracting & sustaining membership, and neighborhood code enforcement and planning were attended. Next year's conference is planned for Lakeland.
6. NEW BUSINESS
 - Nominating Committee Doug appointed Jim Goins to chair the committee to bring a slate of officers for 2005 to the November meeting for election.
 - Neighborhood Issues The issue of political signs as part of deed restrictions was discussed. Doug noted that we must be aware of small groups that form to fight or support a specific issue and are NOT representative of a whole community or neighborhood.
7. COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - Tax Watch John Doran reported the City budget was approved. He again highlighted some areas worth noting. The general fund increased by 3.3% from last year and does not include the utility funds, capital improvement budget or enterprise funds. The

police and library got most of the increase. The ad valorem tax increased by 11.7%, but we lucky existing homeowners were kept to a 3% maximum increase by the Save Our Homes provision. Several members expressed appreciation to John for his concise and simplified presentations to their homeowner groups.

Neighborhood Services Jan Smith announced October 23 is "Keep Pinellas Beautiful" in conjunction with the Florida Coastal Cleanup. The event will start at Crest Lake Park. The neighborhood grants have completed with many neighborhoods already completing their entrance signs. Information for the RFP on Jack Russell Stadium is available at the library. Saturday, April 2, 2005 is Celebrate Clearwater Neighborhoods Day. Events start on March 26 and include a city-wide garage sale, bicycle rodeo, car seat safety check, teen coffee house, and movie under the stars at Coachman Park. The last event may include concessions run by neighborhoods.

Membership Rich is currently updating individual association contact information in coordination with the Neighborhood Services list He hopes to have this completed in time for a dues mailing notice for 2005 to be mailed before the end of the year.

Chamber Doug advised us of the tremendous impact on the tourist business, resulting from the rash of hurricanes this season. He urged us to attend the Chamber's quarterly forums held in different areas of the City that are open to the public. The next one is a Beach Forum on October 27 at the Adams Mark.

Government Council member Bill Jonson reported it may take the City up to 8 weeks to clear all the solid debris from the last storm, as they are having difficulty hiring private contractors. PSTA Route 80 trolley is extending its line into Clearwater and is marking the 20 year anniversary. City priorities on power outages in order of importance are 1) any downed power lines, 2) traffic lights out of service, 3) lift stations that pump water or sewage. The U. S. Supreme Court ruled in favor of the City in the billboard case.

Publicity Jim Goins said Doug and Sandy are still coordinating the dialogue for our homeowner Power Point presentation. He will attempt to get a press release in the newspaper for our next meeting & speaker.

Meeting adjourned, 8:52 P.M. Respectfully submitted, Rich Glasgow, Secretary

DOWNTOWN ARTS STROLL STATION SQUARE PARK
 Saturday, November 13 from 5 to 8:30 p.m.
 Featuring the works of over 30 artists

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Call 562-4022 for info

CNC Membership Application

Association Name _____ #homes/condos _____
 Association Mailing Address _____

President _____ Phone # _____
 Home Address _____

CNC Rep. _____ Phone # _____
 Home Address _____

Alternate Rep. _____ Phone # _____
 Home Address _____

E-mail contact _____ Fax contact _____

Annual dues: Individual—\$25; up to 25 homeowners—\$25
 more than 25 homeowners—\$40
 Payable to CNC, P.O. Box 8204, Clearwater, FL 33758

Clearwater's Community Response Team handles code violations. To report a violation call 562-4720.

To join the Coalition's automatic email distribution list send a request to "Clearwater @pobox.com"

THE PURPOSE OF THE COALITION AS STATED IN OUR BY-LAWS

- A. To provide a forum to gather and exchange information concerning common and unique goals and problems of member associations, and to use the combined strength to achieve mutually agreed objectives.
- B. To promote desirable development in association areas and to support civic and legislative efforts to effect such development.
- C. To assist public authority in policing and maintaining proper behavior within member association areas.
- D. To monitor and make recommendations on governmental services to member association areas.
- E. To engage in such other activities as may be of benefit to the associations which comprise this COALITION.

How Do You Contact Us?

Coalition Officers 2004
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 Bill Murray Vice Pres. 531-0667
 Rich Glasgow Secretary 791-9317
 John Doran Treasurer 447-9570

Coalition Committees

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Tax Watch	John Doran	447-9570
Chamber	Doug Williams	725-3345
Gov. Liaison	Lucile Casey	726-5279
Environment	Norma Carlough	443-3630
City Code	Dave Campbell	725-1276
Publicity/PR	Jim Goins	442-6689
Communications/Webmaster	Dave Campbell	725-1276



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