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Election time for CNC

December 6, 2004 MEETING AGENDA

- *Election of 2005 Officers
- **Speaker for December program
Bob Tankel will address new legal issues facing homeowners and their associations
- ***Updates on Conference 2005 and information on neighborhood grant process
- ****Other neighborhood issues to share
A 4-star Agenda

Clearwater News

See "www.myclearwater.com" for more info & more news

Seen construction on Courtney Campbell Causeway? 4 way traffic light at Clearwater Christian College and exit from causeway beach area. New parking fees at causeway beach to be \$15 for 19 oversized stalls and \$10 for 106 regular parking slots.

Farmer's Market in front of City Hall from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesdays

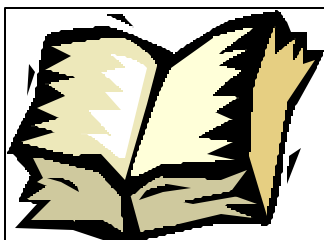
Happy Hour at Main Library from 5-7 p.m. Dec. 2 and 9th Live music, poetry readings, treats from Joffrey's Café

Holiday Tree Lighting Festival at Main Library December 2 from 5 to 8 p.m. Tree lighting at 5:30 p.m.

Music, dancers, festively dressed dogs.

The Community Response Team wishes to inform citizens about the prohibition against canvas as a cover for structures within the City. Many locations have attempted to erect the small carports, sheds and other areas covered by canvas. These are prohibited unless they were legally erected prior to June 29, 2000. If erected prior to June 29th, 2000 and met all legal setback and other requirements, they must be maintained and cannot be replaced once the canvas is removed or destroyed. >> **CODE CORNER**

Neighborhood Services is currently accepting applications for 2005 Neighborhood and Home Recognition Program. The Neighborhood and Home Recognition Program exists to celebrate the uniqueness of Clearwater's many neighborhoods and its residents. The City of Clearwater would like to recognize those neighborhoods and residents that make a commitment each day to improving the quality of life for all residents in Clearwater. Please fill out and submit our new application. Paste to browser: http://www.myclearwater.com/gov/depts/devel_svc/NeighborhoodServices/pdfs/award_form.pdf



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

When & Where CNC meeting
Monday, December 6, 2004 7:00 P.M.
Long Center Boardroom—Upstairs
1501 Belcher Road ——Clearwater

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 1, 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. Newcomers were recognized and welcomed to our meeting.
2. Doug introduced our speaker, Doug Matthews, Director of Communications for the City of Clearwater. Mr. Matthews stressed that the City Council wants to evaluate everything they are doing in terms of engaging the public, in order to get public input PRIOR to any projects or endeavors and to improve ways to notify and reach the citizens. These methods include: 1) one-way communication (City website, C-View, newsletter), 2) two-way communication (town hall meetings, project meetings), and 3) citizen notification processes (legal advertising, web polls & surveys, e-mails). The main objective is to connect with more people and to make forums and meetings more effective. They are hoping to achieve technology where through a single point of entry people can opt into different lists or areas of interest and choose a method to be notified (by e-mail, phone, etc.) of events which interest them. The City has found one of the most effective means to reach citizens is through homeowner associations or neighborhood groups such as neighborhood watch programs.
3. The minutes of the October 4, 2004 meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.
4. The Treasurer's report was approved. As of 10/31/04 we have assets of \$ 1909.00, with \$ 1063.55 reserved for the Conference fund. Dues of \$1050.00 have been collected from 27 neighborhoods.
5. **OLD BUSINESS**

Neighborhoods Conference 4/30/05 at Clearwater Christian College. Will feature four workshops to cover dealing with legal issues, government, planning, and youth & diversity. Keynote will be a panel format to include County Administrator Steve Spratt, County Commissioner Ken Welch, City Manager Bill Horne and others. Next Conference Committee meeting scheduled for December 1.

Nominating Committee Jim Goins presented the following slate: Doug Williams - President, Bill Murray-Vice-President, Rich Glasgow-Secretary, Joanna Sisken-Treasurer. Vote for election of officers occurs at our December 6 meeting.
6. **NEW BUSINESS**

Neighborhood Issues Bill Murray brought up the issue of portable generators, which have become quite popular this hurricane season, but are quite noisy and pose significant dangers. Doug pointed out that these could be shared between households to keep food from spoiling, etc. in keeping with their emergency purpose. Jan will check to see if these are covered in the City Code. Mention was made of the CERT team program (Community Emergency Response Team) as a first responder group in neighborhoods. These are trained citizens to help out the fire department.
7. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Neighborhood Services 171 volunteers helped collect 12 tons of trash in the Gateway cleanup. Solid waste department dealt with roughly 3 years worth of trash from the recent hurricanes, which caused the delays in pickup and disposal. There will be a City-wide litter campaign in April. Grant workshops for the next stash of cash will be held in December & January. Neighborhoods wishing to apply must have one person attend one workshop to be eligible and can apply even if they have received previous grants.

Tax Watch Council member Bill Jonson spoke of the impact of the new tax on construction and the increases in tax values.

Membership John Doran is working with Neighborhood Services for their updated mailing list for labels to use for a dues notice. Suggestions were discussed for ways to do a better job to draw members and prospective members to our meetings.

November 1 MEETING MINUTES (CONTINUED)

Lucile Casey said that the St. Petersburg group CONA is very effective at this. We are still trying to finalize our PowerPoint presentation to facilitate visitation to neighborhood groups to help bring in new groups and help attendance. Quarterly mini-forums were mentioned as another means to achieve this. Chamber of Commerce Doug reported they are currently focused on their annual retreat.

Government Liaison Lucile encouraged us to vote in the national election. She noted vacancies on several citizen advisory boards and committees, such as the Development Board, Marine Advisory, and Code Enforcement. Interested parties can apply via the City Clerk, even for boards without any current openings, as they periodically review and notify applicants.

Environment Norma Carlough reported the Advisory Board will have a November workshop meeting. She encouraged those with an interest in environmental concerns to attend, as they rarely have any audience at their meetings, usually held on the third Wednesday of the month at City Council chambers. Removal of sand dunes on El Dorado was mentioned as an existing issue.

City Code Look for a "code sweep" in the Gateway area in mid-November.

Publicity PowerPoint presentation is delayed while Sandy Curry is away.

Communications Please use the Coalition website. Besides the newsletters, there are links to the City Code and City website. We will try to post other current information there via Dave Campbell's expert help.

Meeting adjourned, 8:45 P.M. Respectfully submitted, Rich Glasgow, Secretary

Please note--The Town Hall meeting on Beachwalk mentioned at the CNC meeting and scheduled for December 7th has been postponed until January.

Looking for a few good men and women
Openings are available on the following City Advisory Boards:
CDB--Community Development Board, MCEB--Municipal Code Enforcement Board, and MAB--Marine Advisory Board
Volunteers also are used to assist the Fire Department, Police Department, Library, and Parks and Recreation. Call the City Clerk for more info or online at www.myclarwater.com

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?

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 Rich Glasgow Secretary 791-9317
 John Doran Treasurer 447-9570

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Gov. Liaison	Lucile Casey	726-5279
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