

*"Your link to a better neighborhood"*

Clearwater

Neighborhoods

Coalition

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# NEWSLETTER

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## **Next Clearwater Neighborhoods Coalition Meeting Monday—November 5, 2007**

7:00 PM

Long Center

1501 N. Belcher Road

### **CAN - Clearwater Awards for Neighborhoods**

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The City of Clearwater wants its residents to be involved! Involved in their neighborhoods, involved in city events, involved in government processes, and involved in growing families and communities in unique and positive ways! The Clearwater Awards for Neighborhoods program is designed to get Clearwater neighbors excited about thinking of creative ways to achieve all of these objectives! Do you remember what it feels like to work as a team and win? Imagine a large group of your neighbors going on stage to accept an award for something you all won together! In fact, many neighborhoods are already implementing winning programs for which, until now, you have not been recognized! Now, not only do you win, you get money to fund more creative projects for the next year, and more beautification projects in your neighborhood. You will turn negative meetings to positive, increase your active association membership, promote family and neighborhood values, and increase your interaction with city staff and officials. Everybody WINS!

Note: information taken from myclearwater.com-Neighborhood Services section

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***A neighborhood is not simply a multitude of homes, whether stacked horizontally or vertically, it is a place that we hope to identify as home because we value the level of comfort of the surrounding environment as well as the people who share these spaces.***

### Minutes of October 1, 2007 Meeting

—Meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm by president Joe Evich.

—Development and Neighborhood Services Director Jeff Kronschnabl was guest speaker. He gave a power point presentation on Residential Rentals, short-term rentals, and foreclosures. 90% of code problems come from rental properties. In 2000 1/3 of city were rentals. Ten percent was creating 90 % of the problems.

Occupational Licensing of rental homes provided several benefits. It protects the Landlord, it protects the renter and it protects the neighborhood. It provides a means to protect and maintain a standard for residential housing. Part of code enforcement is done through education. Many times people do not know they are in violation of city ordinances. Individuals are brought in to compliance through education. Cooperation through communication

### Minutes & Correspondence

—There was no treasurer's report. Doug Williams was out of town.

—There was a motion to pass Minutes for September, Motion past.

### Treasurer's Report

—Treasurer Doug Williams was unable to attend due to a death in the family and the Treasures report was skipped.

### Old Business

—Pinellas Living Green Expo update. A committee from PLGE met with City Staff to talk about event and gauge the City's interest in participation.

### New Business

—There was a discussion on how to increase CNC membership. Norma Carlough suggested giving a free one year membership to attract new members. Shelley Kuroghlian made a motion to do so, and JoAnna Siskin second the motion. A vote was taken 3 were in favor 3 were against, with one abstaining. Motion failed.


—Ric Ortega suggested that the CNC discuss the possibility of supporting the Farmers Market's suggestion of closing one of the new streetscaped city blocks and hold the Farmers Market there. Joe tabled the motion saying that it is a project that is not complete and therefore suggested that this should be addressed by the next group of Officers.

—Joe Evich brought up the selection of a nominating committee. He said he would select the committee. Two people he would like to see on the committee were John Doran and Ed Hooper. John Doran declined.

### Committee Reports

—No Committee Reports.

—Joe Evich adjourned the meeting at 9:00 pm

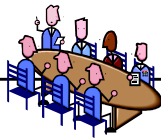
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Are there issues that are concerning you and your neighbors that you would like the CNC to help explore viable solutions?</b></p> <p>Some examples:          Parking on Grass          City Tree Maintenance          Homes in disrepair          Unkempt Properties          Roaming Cattle (just kidding!)</p> 
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**THE PURPOSE OF THE COALITION**

The Clearwater Neighborhoods Coalition has been part of the community since 1981, and its ongoing purpose is to provide a forum for neighborhood associations to voice their concerns about neighborhood issues and to use our combined resources to address those issues effectively.

Issues may include:

Code enforcement, Traffic Calming, Short Term Rentals, Street Lights and Signs, No Solicitation Ordinance, Crime Deterrents



**Change in Association Officers Notification**

Please forward names of new officers for your association to JoAnna Siskin, CNC Secretary at [siskinj@aol.com](mailto:siskinj@aol.com).

Please use the form below to remit your dues, to update current association officers, or to pass along to a prospective new member neighborhood..

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 # \_\_\_\_\_

**CNC MISSION STATEMENT**

- to minimize the residential owner’s total cost for government services
- to encourage equitable taxation and service costs
- to encourage increase in tax base through development and redevelopment of commercial areas consistent with existing infrastructure and character of the City
- to encourage cooperative programs between City and County that will enhance the special character of the City
- to encourage consistent and aggressive enforcement of City Codes
- to encourage improvement of water quality in Clearwater Harbor, Tampa Bay, and other water resources
- to encourage development of programs which enhance the visual environment of the Clearwater area
- to encourage programs which increase the cost-effectiveness of police, fire, and emergency medical services
- to encourage development of Neighborhood Watch programs
- to present the homeowner’s point of view
- to sponsor “get out the vote” programs and Candidate Forums
- to encourage open, representative, responsive, accountable, and effective local government
- to cooperate with other homeowner associations with the County

*Your VOICE is important to the Coalition.*

*We need to hear your concerns as well as suggestions and ideas for solutions on the issues that affect your neighborhoods.*



Please send comments, opinions, and suggestions regarding the **Clearwater Neighborhoods Coalition** to P.O. Box 8204, Clearwater, FL 33758-8204 or contact the officers below.

2007 Officers

Joe Evich	President	727-698-0295	Morningside Meadows
Ric Ortega	Vice President	727-938-2835	Sunset-Highland
JoAnna Siskin	Secretary	727-442-0096	Skycrest
Doug Williams	Treasurer	727-725-3345	Northwood West

Committees

Chamber of Commerce:	Doug Williams	727-725-3345
Webmaster:	Dave Campbell	727-725-1276
Conference:	Ric Ortega	727-938-2835
Airpark Advisory Board:	Norma Carlough	727-443-3630
Membership:	Shelley Kuroghlian	727-736-0154
	JoAnna Siskin	727-442-0096