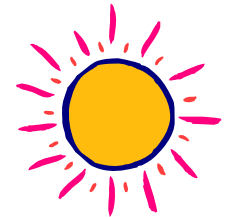




Next CNC Meeting
 Monday, Sept. 11, 2006 at 7:00 P.M.
 Long Center Boardroom--Upstairs
 1501 Belcher Road--Clearwater



Agenda for July and August:

Enjoy the summer, but see page 3 for disaster advice.

Workshop Committee will be planning our October workshop, which will be a Candidates Forum focused on the homeowner insurance crisis and other homeowner issues, such as property tax and Save Our Homes issues.

Please email Sondra at texsond@earthlink.net with specific issues or questions for the candidates.

Coming Events of Interest to Homeowners & Neighborhoods

July 2-4	Clearwater Celebrates America Concerts start at 4 p.m. on July 2 & 3 Gates open 2 p.m. on July 4, with fireworks that evening	Coachman Park	
July 8	Ocean Mile Swim Registration at 6 a.m. Race at 7:30 a.m.	Clearwater Beach north of Pier 60	462-6963
July 15	13th Annual Children's Health Fair Hot Dog Lunch & Goodies 9-2	Long Center	725-3345
Aug. 12-13	Clearwater Fine Arts Show	Harborview Center 10-5	556-0550
Aug. 22	Politics in the Park Meet candidates in good, old-fashioned picnic setting	Coachman Park	5:30-7:30 p.m. 562-4839
Sept. 11	September Peace Concert	City Hall	5-6:30 p.m. 562-4832



MINUTES OF JUNE 5, 2006 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 Becky
Melendez at 562-4585*

*Doesn't your neighborhood
deserve the recognition?*

1. President Sondra Kerr called the meeting to order and introduced Andy Neff, Glenn Daniel, and Terry LaBelle from the Public Utilities Department, who presented a PowerPoint program on reclaimed water. Clearwater's reclaimed water historically has been provided with artificially low rates, subsidized by the water and sewer rates. Council approved metering in 2004, but rates remained very low. As of October 1, 2006, rates will increase with an availability charge of \$ 15.08 plus a usage charge of \$0.47 per 1000 gallons. Customers with a current reclaimed water bill of just under \$ 20 will see an increase to approximately \$26 per month. This would compare to approximately \$56 to irrigate with potable (drinking) water, using roughly 1/3 of the amount of water. Clearly reclaimed water will still be a bargain. With metering and the new rate structure, reclaimed water use should encourage conservation and typical usage should decrease to the levels similar to current homeowners who irrigate with potable water.

Q & A Session The department uses a complicated model to analyze costs vs. benefits before going into each neighborhood project. Currently there is no availability charge for homeowners who continue to use shallow well irrigation, but that could change, in order to make reclaimed water projects cost effective. Reclaimed water is treated water that would otherwise be pumped into Tampa Bay. Restrictions to the City are increasing, as to what may be discharged into the Bay, so the City may eventually be forced to mandate reclaimed water usage. It is currently expensive to convert reclaimed water into potable water.

Homefront Security and Legacy Planner Deborah Maroney from SIMA, Inc. spoke briefly on personal preparedness for disasters. Their planner is an informative, easy to follow guide for identifying, organizing, and documenting the important information of your life. This covers what is necessary to run your household while you are away, as well as managing legal documents, estate planning, etc. She stressed the need for all of us to have an OUT OF STATE contact, in case of any type of disaster. For more info the website is www.homefrontsecurityplanner.com Call her at 417-4732 for a 20% discount.

2. The minutes of the May 1, 2006 meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter.
3. The Treasurer's report was approved. As of 5/31/06 we have total assets of \$ 2251, of which \$ 1029 are Foundation funds. This includes the \$ 1000 sponsorship from the City for our disaster preparedness workshop, for which expenses are not finalized. 18 members have paid 2006 dues as of 5/31/06.
4. ***As we had a great response to our workshop and wish to continue with updates and info on being prepared for hurricanes, a motion passed to add a column to our newsletter devoted to disaster preparedness.***
5. **OLD BUSINESS**
Sondra reported on our Disaster Preparedness Workshop. 185 people attended the workshop, not counting speakers and participants. It was well received with requests for another and additional questions on CERT training, etc. No date has been announced yet for resumption of CERT training. We explored many new avenues for reaching out and advertising this workshop, which we will be able to utilize in future endeavors. 25 neighborhood contacts came from requests for copies of the neighborhood survival kit. Clearwater Emergency Manager Bill Vola would like us to expand the program into an expo next year.

Coachman Ridge has jump-started their neighborhood disaster plan, utilizing neighborhood watch and block captains. They are willing to step forward for CNC as an example of how to accomplish this. An interview on Bay News 9 is possible.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Neighborhood Issues Bill Murray discussed the proposed renovation of the Morningside Recreation Center, specifically the difficulties finding consensus, estimated costs, citizen wish lists, etc. He serves on the design committee.

October Workshop We discussed having a candidate forum versus a workshop to petition legislators for a special session to address the insurance crisis. We settled on a candidate forum limited to homeowner issues of insurance and taxation. E-mail Sondra at texsond@earthlink.net with specific issues or questions for candidates or suggestions. The large number of candidates may pose a challenge.

Clearwater Airpark Tom Calhoun reported no decision yet on a name change. They will have an open house on June 24, with demonstrations, plane and helicopter rides, free hot dogs, etc.

7. Other information

Ray Massieu updated us on the short-term rental mediation, which has been extended 30 to 45 days for further discussion. Clearwater Beach Assoc. wrote a letter advocating no concessions.

Doug Williams announced the 13th Annual Children's Health Fair on July 15.

Bill Murray reported on the Drug Paraphernalia Task Force, which has developed 6 recommendations.

Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a Candidate gathering in Coachman Park Aug. 22.

Norma Carlough advised booklets are available from Neighborhood Services on Residential Rentals and on appropriate landscaping.

8. Adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Rich Glasgow, Secretary



WE WANT YOUR DUES---PLEASE?

Disaster Preparedness--It's YOUR RESPONSIBILITY



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

GETTING PREPARED

Get your Neighborhood Survival Kit at:
clearwatercoalition.com

Gather your supplies from the 3-day & 5-day supply list.

Talk with your family about your personal plans for evacuation, etc.

Call 1-888-689-8905 to get emergency notification text messages on your cell phone used for the call

THE PURPOSE OF THE COALITION

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

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

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

How Do You Contact Us?

Coalition Committees

Coalition Officers 2006

Sondra Kerr	President	447-9126
Bill Murray	Vice Pres.	531-0667
Rich Glasgow	Secretary	791-9317
Doug Williams	Treasurer	725-3345

Neighborhood Services	-----	Becky Melendez
Membership/Newsletter	-----	Rich Glasgow
Chamber of Commerce	-----	Sondra Kerr
Publicity	-----	Sondra Kerr
Webmaster	-----	Dave Campbell
Airpark Advisory Board	-----	Tom Calhoun



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