



Next CNC Meeting
Monday, October 2, 2006 at 7:00 P.M.
Long Center Boardroom--Upstairs
1501 Belcher Road--Clearwater



Agenda Neighborhood Services--Clearwater awards for neighborhoods
Neighborhood Issues
Discussion of CNC Annual Conference scheduled for 2/24/07
Bring to meeting--Suggestion for the 2nd topic of the Conference (Code Enforcement will be repeated)
Keynote speaker suggestions for the next Hurricane Expo (How about the "Cockroach" weatherman from Sarasota?)

Coming Events of Interest to Homeowners & Neighborhoods

October 7 11th Annual Clearwater Pier 60 Make A Difference Children's Fishing Tournament
7 a.m. to 12 noon Pier 60 Clearwater Beach 877-236-5437

Everybody wins when people with disabilities and their families cast their lines into the water at Pier 60. Trophies will be awarded for the most fish caught and several other categories, including prettiest fish and most unusual fish.

October 12 Florida Orchestra Pops in Coachman Park 7 PM 562-4813

October 19-22 Clearwater Jazz Holiday Coachman Park



Disaster Preparedness News

Citizens Information Center (activated during emergencies) is 727-464-4333
Have you photographed your house inside and outside?
Current evacuation levels listed at www.pinellascounty.org/emergency or call 464-3800.
Microchip your pet. Call your vet--it's not expensive.
Do you have a mechanical can opener? How about copies of important papers in a zip-lock baggy?

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 11, 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, followed by introductions of those present. Felicia Leonard, from Parks and Recreation Department, spoke on plans for a new dog park facility and a concession/restroom building. The combination building is for Countryside Community Park, where no convenient facility is available to service the Little League fields. Hiking trails and changing the playground to the current kind which are accessible to children with disabilities are other improvements planned. The Little League is contributing \$ 75,000 to the estimated \$ 400,000 projects. A State Grant application is being used to fund half the project, with the City funding the balance. The other part of the project is a dog park along Enterprise Road, which will consist of 4 dog runs and new hiking trails. This will be an exercise park for the dogs. The area is currently overgrown with vegetation, so the area is to be sprayed in the spring to kill the exotic vegetation. Felicia encouraged interested citizens to sign up for C-mail, which can be done on the City website (myClearwater.com) Choose what departments you wish to be notified about, and you will start receiving the appropriate emails.
2. The minutes of the June 5, 2006 meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter.
3. We continue to receive a copy of the Coachman Ridge newsletter each issue, and President Sondra encouraged all members and non-members to consider providing us a copy of each of their newsletters.
4. Treasurer Doug Williams report was approved. This included a final accounting from the Hurricane Workshop. The City gave us a much appreciated \$ 1000 grant for the workshop, and we were able to stay on budget, spending \$ 956.41. As of 9/11/06, we have total assets of \$ 2,126.00, with \$ 873.67 in the Foundation or Conference Fund. Our current membership is 21 neighborhood groups.
5. The Candidate Forum planned for October 3 was cancelled on approval of the majority of the Board, due to the excess of candidates and difficulty to provide a meaningful forum for such a large group.
6. **NEIGHBORHOOD ISSUE**
Tom Calhoun of Coachman Ridge related a story which serves as a warning for neighborhood groups in using their communication tools. Coachman Ridge has been preparing their Hurricane Disaster Plan, which included setting up a telephone tree system for notification. A neighbor recently wanted to activate the system to notify the neighbors of a vicious dog attack on another dog in the neighborhood, in which the attacked dog was killed. No police report was filed by the owner of the victimized dog. The activist neighbor wanted to include the name and address of the attacking dog's owner, but the homeowner board wisely refused and contacted an attorney, who advised against it. He advised to send out a notification mailer, whose content he would review before mailing. Incorrect use of our communication tools could result in legal consequences. Tom's group used Michael Milo, an attorney who specializes in homeowner issues and can be reached at 736-1901. **BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU PRINT OR SAY AS REPRESENTATIVES!**
7. **NEIGHBORHOOD CONFERENCE** Saturday, February 24, 2007
The date is set for our next annual conference, which will again be held at the Countryside Recreation Center. Again we will have two separate topics, and we decided to repeat the session on Code Enforcement. President Sondra suggested that we focus on homeowner associations: grants for neighborhoods who want to form an association but lack the funds, maintaining a viable association, getting good leaders, combating apathy, etc. Please think this over and bring your suggestion to our October meeting.
8. **HURRICANE EXPO** We will repeat and expand our program next year in cooperation with the City. CNC will provide the sponsors. Suggestions needed for a Keynote Speaker.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Sailing Center of Clearwater Beach is having a golf tournament on October 30th. The funds will be used to sponsor a sailing team for the high school.

Chamber of Commerce is having their Taste of Clearwater prior to our next meeting. We are encouraged to attend.

Congratulations to longtime member and advocate Duke Tieman, who is the Florida League of Cities nominee for Citizen of the Year.

Tom Calhoun announced that his neighborhood group took children from the neighborhood on an outing to the Clearwater Airpark, where they were able to experience a hands-on tour. This would be a great outing for other neighborhood groups to consider.

10. Meeting adjourned at 8:36 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
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