

Parrot Cove Neighborhood Association, Inc.



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The Parrot Chatter

Newsletter of the Parrot Cove Neighborhood Association

Were Back !
April 2006

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General Meeting , Election and Membership Drive

Tuesday, April 18, 2006 Time:7:00 p.m.– 8:00 p.m.

St. Andrews Episcopal Church 100 No. PalmWay

Were Back! PCNA General meeting, Election and Membership drive will be held on Tuesday, April 18. PCNA will provide the meat and drinks for this dinner meeting. So whip up your favorite casserole, salad or dessert to share with your neighbors. You must be a paid member of PCNA in order to be an officer or vote. Membership is \$10.00 per person or \$20.00 per family.

Upcoming Happenings In the Parrot Hood

Watch for new Neighborhood Boundary Signs

Neighborhood Tree Give-Away Coming May

(You must be a paid member to participate in the tree program)

"Thursdays In The Parrot Hood"

(Neighborhood social)



Letter From PCNA Jim Swope, President

After a long hiatus, the Parrot Cove Neighborhood Association is holding a general meeting. The dominant topic of the meeting will be the future of the Association which, if it is to have any future at all requires the election for some new board members. Unless new leadership steps forward, the Parrot Cove Neighborhood Association will officially be put into mothballs.

It may be legitimate to ask whether we need a neighborhood association. Things are, after all, pretty good: Parrot Cove is one of the more affluent and established neighborhoods in Lake Worth. It has rising property values, a stable population with a high percentage of owner-occupied homes, a relatively low crime rate, and by and large good service from the police, fire, and sanitation departments (yes, even electricity!). We do not have the kinds of problems some other neighborhoods have with absentee landlords, egregious code violations, high crime and slow but inexorable urban decay. Adversity often brings people together, and in such instances a vigorous neighborhood association can be a catalyst for action and change.

No, things certainly are not so bad, but you still might feel that, despite the many wonderful qualities of our neighborhood, something is missing, a sense of community, perhaps, a sense of belonging. How many of you know your neighbors by name, what they do for a living, where they come from or what their children are up to? Or perhaps you feel alienated from City Government, that it doesn't listen to your needs, that you have no voice in the development of the neighborhood or of the city as a whole. Neighborhood Associations can be grass-roots politics at its best.

A responsible, unbiased, community spirited neighborhood association can be a responsible and accountable voice for the neighborhood to city government; it can provide an open and unbiased forum between the people and elected and appointed governmental officials. It can be a gathering place to air the concerns and marshal the efforts to improve the lot of all its residents. In short, we delude ourselves if we think there are no benefits or that we have no need of a vigorous and effective neighborhood association.

From its inception, the accomplishments of the Parrot Cove Neighborhood Association have been those of a hard-working few. They have written and distributed the newsletter, organized and hosted the meetings, thrown block parties so neighbors can meet neighbors, organized both home and garden tours to increase the profile of the neighborhood and to raise hard-earned funds to implement larger neighborhood projects. We all owe these unsung heroes a resounding vote of thanks.

But it does take a commitment. Not a lot and not even by many, but it is now time for some new board members to set new agendas. Any resident with paid membership is eligible to serve on the board. The Board elects its own officers. We very much hope to have a full slate of candidates ready for approval at the General meeting.

Jim Swope, President

Parrot Cove Neighborhood Association Membership Form

(Please print information)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Submit my name, interested Board Member Candidate: _____



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Membership is \$10.00 per person or \$20.00 household/family

All Membership's expire January 31, 2007

You must be paid member to vote or participate in PCNA functions.

Membership fee's help subsidize the Monthly Newsletter, Neighborhood Projects and Events.

Send completed form and check to Parrot Cove Neighborhood Association,

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