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The Parrot Chatter

Newsletter of the Parrot Cove Neighborhood Association

**July
2006**

Parrot Cove General Meeting

**American Red Cross, Hurricane Preparedness
Tuesday, July 18 , 2006 7:00 p.m.
St. Andrews Episcopal Church 100 N. PalmWay**

The 2006 hurricane season is predicted to be another busy one. There is no way to know how many hurricanes will make landfall or how much damage they may wreak. Every family can follow the same basic emergency preparedness strategy, in a hurricane-prone area.

Come and attend the Red Cross presentation on hurricane preparedness to learn the necessary steps in order to be ready for this years' season. The speaker will cover shelter locations, precautions for pets, how to make an emergency plan, what an emergency kit should contain, home preparations, and various ways to help protect your family in case of an emergency. The information will prove to be useful throughout this expectantly busy hurricane season.



**American Red Cross
Celebrating 125 Years of Service**



If you are receiving this newsletter
you are a resident of the
Parrot Cove Neighborhood



**to all our
new neighbors!**

Welcome! We invite you to
attend our monthly meetings and get
involved on a committee.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, July 18, 2006

- As a new resident, you most likely have questions about our neighborhood. Come to the neighborhood meetings and find your answers.
- All Neighbors are welcomed to participate in the neighborhood association.
- We are always looking for volunteers to help out in any way they can to make our neighborhood a great place to live.
- E-mail us articles and suggestions for the newsletter to: Thresisinc@aol.com
- Check out our website at parrotcove.org



Classified Ads

for Parrot Cove Residents

by Anna Schafer

Having a yard sale and want your neighbors to come?
Got something to sell or looking for something to buy?
Need help, a handyman, dog walker, or baby sitter?

POST AN AD
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- all classified ads will be posted on this website as well as the next neighborhood newsletter.
- all ads are \$10.00 - for 30 days.
- one photo can be posted.
- ads should be in the style of a newspaper classified.
- ads can be emailed to Anna at annaks@bellsouth.net or dropped off at
- 620 N. Lakeside Dr. (please make check out to Parrot Cove Neighborhood Association)

upon receipt of check your ad will be posted online immediately and an email will be sent out to neighbors on the email list (if you want to be added you to our Parrot Cove Neighbors email list please send Anna an email)

Categories: Yard/Garage Sales, Items For Sale, Items Needed, Lost and Found, Services Offered, Services Needed - further categories will be added as needed.

How To Report A Power Outage

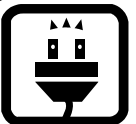
Lake Worth Utilities has launched a state-of-the-art electrical outage management system to manage and improve the reporting of electrical outages throughout the City's service area.



This automated system will address the three most common concerns when outages occur:

Confirmation that Lake Worth Utilities is aware of an outage, Information on the cause of an outage, and estimation on the duration of the outage.

The number to call is
1-877- 454-4480
1-877- 4LIGHT0



BEACH PARKING DECALS



Beach parking decals are on sale at the Cashier's office located in the basement level at City Hall, 7 N. Dixie Highway from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The cost is \$10.65 for year-round residents and \$31.95 for seasonal residents.

Year-round residents must show their driver's license and vehicle registration (reflecting an address within the City limits of Lake Worth) along with one of the following proof of residency items:

- Homestead Exemption Card • Ad Valorem property tax receipt • Voter Registration Card
- Utility bill in their name



Seasonal residents must show their driver's license and vehicle registration along with one of the following: Ad Valorem property tax receipt or Mobile home registration.

SWIMMING POOL MAINTENANCE: HOW YOU CAN HELP PROTECT THE LAKE WORTH LAGOON

By Ginny Powell, Parrot Cove Resident

If you live in Palm Beach County, it is likely that you live in a home, apartment, or condo with a swimming pool. That's one of the reasons we live here, that is, to be able to be outside and enjoy our great climate year-round. But if you have a pool, it's also critical that you perform the proper water treatment and maintenance to keep it useable and safe for human health AND the environment. From time to time, it may be necessary to drain your pool for repairs or other reasons. Knowing how and where to drain your swimming pool water can help protect the environment.



Many homeowners discharge pool water by running a hose to the storm drain at the street. Most erroneously believe this to be an environmentally sound practice. However, storm drains usually discharge directly into surface waterbodies, such as the Lake Worth Lagoon, **without any treatment**. Some waterfront homeowners actually drain their chemical-laden pool water directly into surface waterbodies, such as the Lake Worth Lagoon. Both of these approaches are detrimental to the environment and a violation of state law.

Florida law contains standards for discharges into waters of the state. Specifically, Chapter 62-302, F.A.C., limits the discharge of chlorine to waterbodies to less than .01 part per million. Typically, water being drained from swimming pools well exceeds this criterion. Additionally, pool water often contains muriatic acid, grout and concrete, discharge of which is also a violation of state water quality standards.

Homeowners may comply with water quality standards and protect the environment by adhering to the following simple steps when maintaining their pools:

Only drain your pool when necessary.

If you need to drain your pool, allow the water to stand several days or weeks without the addition of chemicals before draining as chlorine dissipates rapidly; or you may choose to use a neutralizing chemical such as Sodium Thiosulfate.

- Test the chlorine before discharging to ensure that the water meets a safe level.
- Drain the pool slowly over a large pervious area, such as your lawn or landscape. The water will filter slowly and evenly through the soil and eventually make its way back into the aquifer.
- Do not drain your pool when watering restrictions are in place.
- Take unused swimming pool chemicals and containers to the local household hazardous waste collection center.



If we all do our part, we can make a big difference in the health of the Lake Worth Lagoon and other surface waters. For more information, please contact Palm Beach County Department of Environmental Resources Management at 233-2400.



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Parrot Cove Neighborhood Association Membership Form

(Please print information)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Submit my name for the for the _____ committee.

Hurricane Committee

Tree Committee

Crime Watch

Garden

Committee

Walking Group

We value your privacy. This information will not be distributed or sold. It is for Parrot Cove Neighborhood Association purposes only.

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 and the upcoming tree give-away.

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

Send completed form and check to Parrot Cove Neighborhood Association,

1230 North "O" Street , Lake Worth, FL 33460

