

HOLIDAY CAMP

Enroll in holiday camp and enjoy field trips, sports, games, arts & crafts and lots of indoor and outdoor excitement! **Registration** starts November 7th through December 22nd.

Dates: December 27, 2005 - January 9, 2006 (pending school changes)

Times: 7:30 am - 6:00 PM

Ages: Kindergarten - 5th grade

Where: Registration - Community Center, 501 Swain Blvd.
Camp - Greenacres C.A.R.E.S. building, 501 Martin Ave.

Fees: Based on Families' Income. Call for fee information at 642-2181.



MY EXPERIENCE COMPETING IN THE INTERNATIONAL TRIATHLON WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP – NEWCASTLE, AUSTRALIA

By Susan Molloy, City of Greenacres Fire Marshal



The race was a 6 mile run, 25 miles bike, and then another 3 mile run, in which we were either climbing or descending a steep hill. There was no flat section at all given the fact that I train in Florida and have no experience with climbing mountains on a bike!! By the 4th lap of the bike it took everything I had to get up the last couple of climbs. I started to dehydrate, causing the muscles in my legs to cramp up. When I got off the bike to run my legs locked up. I started out hobbling, but I eventually worked through it and was able to run. Despite the agony and pain that I endured for 3 hours, I did not quit! I was never more proud (*and thankful*) to cross a finish line! It was the hardest and longest race I have ever competed in, both physically and competitively. However, I would not trade the experience of that race for anything. It was by far the highlight of all my athletic experiences, which is 30 years worth! Everyone there had earned the right to be there making it a very competitive field. Having said all that, I placed 35th in my category.

I would like to especially thank the generous sponsors who made this a possibility and for allowing me to experience such a beautiful country: *The Mayor, City Council, and my fellow employees, Shopper's Depot, Maroone Chevrolet, Samco Electronics, Kuoppala & Associates, Life Safety Management, Pete's Place, Fountain Cleaners, Unique Fitness, Star Roofing, Riverbridge Chiropractic, Atlantis Skateway, and The Fox Group International.* Thank you All!! - Sue



HURRICANE RELIEF INFORMATION:

Agency/Program	Phone Number or Info	Comments
American Red Cross	561-833-7711	Food, Shelter, Housing, etc.
Army Corps of Engineers	www.saj.usace.army.mil	Sites for Blue Roof Program
Tarps	561-642-2052	Greenacres Building Dept.
Business Development Board	561-835-1008	Business information.
Crisis Information	2 – 1 – 1	www.211palmbeach.org
FEMA	800-621-3362	Registration for damages
Senior Assistance	561-383-1134	Also see Crisis Information above.
Insurance Complaints	800-227-8676	Dept. of Financial Services
	800-22-STORM	Disaster Assistance Hotline



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Breakfast With Santa

The Leisure Services Department and the Greenacres Kiwanis Club have made special arrangements with Santa and his elves to enjoy breakfast with your child on the morning of December 3rd from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. For more information call 642-2181.

HOLIDAY IN THE PARK

Come on out and get into the holiday spirit by celebrating the season for sharing and take part in a variety of festivities at the City's annual "Holiday In the Park" Celebration. The event features a family oriented atmosphere with holiday activities for all ages.

When: Saturday, December 3rd

Time: 4:00 pm TO 8:00 pm

Where: Greenacres Community Park (2905 Jog Rd)

Join us for a fun filled evening of activities and **FREE** admission:

4:00 PM

- Entertainment begins
- Horse and Carriage ride begins (\$2.00 per person)
- Silent Tree Auction Begins
- Food and Seasonal treats open for purchase
- Kids Rides, Games, and Crafts

4:30 PM

- Gingerbread house contest (\$1.00 per person)

5:00 PM

- Santa arrives
- Pictures taken with Santa

7:30 PM

- Winners of the Silent Tree Auction Announced



LIVE CHRISTMAS TREE SILENT AUCTION: Put in a bid on the 10 different Christmas Trees decorated by various organizations. The highest bidder takes the tree home decorations and all! All donations will benefit local schools and civic organizations.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. The Leisure Services Department is looking for volunteers to help with different parts of the event. Thank you to the sponsors who helped support this event: Coldwell Banker, Fidelity Federal, and Advance Chiropractic of South Florida! For more information call the Leisure Services Department at 642-2181.

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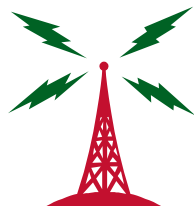
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PAINT YOUR HEART OUT

Paint Your Heart Out provides assistance to low-income homeowners whose house is a one-story single family home. The applicant must be at least 60 years old or disabled. The program uses free recycled paint donated by the Solid Waste Authority and relies on volunteers fueled by kindness, willing to sacrifice a Saturday morning to help those in need. Call Public Works at 642-2074 to receive an application for your home or to register as a volunteer.

PUBLIC SAFETY RADIO COMMUNICATION SYSTEM



In the aftermath of hurricanes Katrina, and Rita, there have been numerous articles, and news stories about radio communication systems used by public safety providers. A common theme has been the need for common national standards that allow all first responders to communicate with each other during emergencies. To keep our residents informed the following is a brief synopsis about the city's current radio system, and plans for the future.

Where we are

- The City of Greenacres Public Safety Department uses 800 Mhz Motorola Radios, and dispatch equipment that was purchased in January 1996, following voter approval of a \$500,000.00 bond issue in 1995.
- The Radio System has two (2) channels, one for Law Enforcement and one for Emergency Medical Services.
- The system is programmed to enable communication with other law enforcement agencies, and Fire Rescue/EMS providers in the County. In case of any malfunctions in one channel, the system can be switched to the other channel or the common county channels.
- In 2005, new radios were installed in ambulances to operate on the countywide system, which further enhanced communication with hospitals.
- The city also has wireless computers all public safety patrol vehicles that officers can use for communication and for accessing vital information from county and state records.

Countywide Radio Plans

Local discussions about the need for an interconnected radio system for all Public Safety providers in the County date back to the early to mid 1990's. In 1999 the Municipal Public Safety Communications Consortium (MPSCC), comprised of several cities in the County including the City of Greenacres was formed to build an interoperable radio system with countywide coverage.

The Consortium hired consultants and initiated the design of the system infrastructure and selected a digital technology system that allows both voice and data communication. The cost of the system infrastructure was estimated to be approximately \$9,500,000. Due to the cost of system, and the lack of grants from the federal government, the installation of the system has not progressed as expected. Several cities are currently working on phase I of the system, which is now expected to be constructed during the next 12 to 18 months.

City Plans

In order to explore options in addition to the Consortium's system, the City of Greenacres retained the services of a communications consultant to provide recommendations for upgrades, and requested the services of the State Technology Office to assess the system and provide recommendations as well. Personnel from the State started their work in April of 2005, and their report was just received by the city.

With the reports completed by the state and the consultant, the City of Greenacres is moving to implement recommended options that insure that the residents' investment of public funds in radio upgrades provides for the needed interoperability today, and in the future, and serve the best interest of the residents and employees of the city.

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION



January 1 – March 1, 2006, at the Greenacres Community Center – 501 Swain Boulevard, the Palm Beach County Property Appraiser's Office will provide assistance to homeowners filing for "Homestead Exemption". Your application must be filed in person; visit their website at www.pbcgov.com/papa or call 355-3230 for required items needed at the time of filing:

SOLID WASTE INFORMATION



The City of Greenacres has a multi-year contract with Onyx Waste Services of Florida, Inc. for the collection of its solid waste, including recycling. The City bills residential customers, including many homeowner associations, each October 1st and April 1st for the next six-month period. The Onyx contract provides for an annual price adjustment based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) with a ceiling rate of 3 percent. This year's increase of 3% has been applied to the October 1st 2005 solid waste bills, resulting in the following rate changes (per month of service):

	Old Rate	New Rate
RESIDENTIAL CURBSIDE DUMPSTER TWICE A WEEK	\$5.55	\$5.71
DUMPSTER TWICE A WEEK	3.57	3.68
DUMPSTER THREE TIMES A WEEK	4.73	4.87

This rate remains one of the lowest residential rates in Palm Beach County.

SOLID WASTE COLLECTION & RECYCLING REGULATIONS

Kitchen & Household Garbage:

Residential Curbside:	Multi-Family Dumpster:
Place waste in standard cans, or sealed plastic bags within 6 feet of roadway. This garbage should not be mixed with yard waste clippings and vegetation. (Picked up twice weekly.)	Waste must be placed in sealed plastic bags and then placed in area dumpster.

Yard Waste Vegetation:

Residential Curbside:	Multi-Family Dumpster:
Place grass clippings and leaves in bags and containers – maximum weight is 50 pounds. Tree limbs and other vegetation must be cut six feet or shorter and stacked on the curb.	The Homeowners Association will contract with a private company to collect and dispose of vegetation. The City does not provide this service or charge for it.

Residential Curbside and Multi Family Recycling:

Yellow Bin:	Blue Bin:
Newspapers, magazines, catalogs, telephone books, brown paper grocery bags, and corrugated cardboard (up to 3' by 3'-must be flattened; look for waffled ridges). Do not include tissue boxes, cereal boxes, plastic bags, or 12 oz beverage boxes.	Aluminum cans, glass bottles and jars (without lids or caps), foil and pie plates, drink boxes, milk and juice containers (except Styrofoam). Do not include light bulbs, mirrors, or plated glass, steel or tin cans, plastic wrap or bags.

RESIDENTIAL CURBSIDE TRASH/BULK ITEMS: Furniture and appliances should be placed next to the garbage on pick up days. Appliances should have doors removed. Collection is limited to 4 cubic yards per collection.

RESIDENTIAL AND MULTI-FAMILY HAZARDOUS WASTE: used motor oil, batteries, filters, pesticides, chemicals, and paints are not collected curbside or dumpster they must be taken to the Solid Waste Authority collection facility. For the nearest location please call Customer Service at (561) 930-2727.

Information about pick-up schedules can be found on the City's website at www.ci.greenacres.fl.us, click on Services for Residents/Sanitation & Recycling.

Adelphia Cable Service
848-1600

Building Inspections/
Permits
642-2052

City Clerk
642-2052

City Council
642-2006

City Hall - General
642-2000

City Manager
642-2017

Code Enforcement
642-2065

Community Center
642-2090

Employment
642-2001

Finance
642-2013

Leisure (Recreation)
Programs
642-2181

Occupational Licenses
642-2053

Planning, Zoning & Engineering
642-2054

Public Works
642-2071

Public Safety -
Non Emergency
642-2160

Refuse Collection /
Recycling
642-2071

Refuse Collection Bills
642-2012



Annually, the City teams with the United States Marine Corps to provide toys to the needy children in our area. To help, bring an unwrapped gift for a child and put it in the "Decorated Box" in the lobby area of City Hall, located at 5985 10th Avenue North, on or before December 15, 2005. Thank you for your continued support for this worthwhile project.