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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 2nd from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at Community Hall. 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 taking 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 2nd
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 (\$3.00 per person)
- Food and Seasonal treats open for purchase
- Kids Rides, Games, and Crafts

4:30 PM

- Gingerbread Man Decorating (\$1.00 per person)

5:00 PM

- Santa arrives
- Pictures taken with Santa

7:30 PM

- Story of "The Night Before Christmas"

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Council Actions for August & September

- Authorized an agreement with Palm Beach County for a Public Lands Matching Grant for FY 2007 for the removal of invasive non-native vegetation from public lands.
- Approved the annexation of 3.795 acres of land on the west side of Jog Road, south of 10th Avenue North.
- Approved the FY 2007 Budget and Capital Improvements Program.
- Approved the FY 2007 Contract with Children's Service Council of Palm Beach County for the C.A.R.E.S. After-School Program and the Cool Zone Program.
- Approved the renewal of the Franchise for the Collection of Residential and Commercial Solid Waste for the period of October 1, 2006 – September 30, 2011 with Veolia ES Solid Waste Southeast, Inc. dba Onyx Waste Services Southeast, Inc.

Our City is Growing

The Bureau of Economic and Business Research (BEBR) has estimated the City's population as of April 1, 2006, at 31,734 people. This is an increase of 464 people over last year's final estimate of 31,270. This equates to a ratio of 1.8 persons per dwelling unit.



"Click It or Ticket It" Certification of Appreciation

The Public Safety Department received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Florida Department of Transportation for participating in the 2006 "Click It or Ticket" initiative. PSO Sanchez was recognized as the top producer for seat belt violations, and the award was presented to him during the week of September 11, 2006.

Toys for Tots

The Holiday Season is upon us! Show your support to the Marine Corp and local children in our area by bringing an unwrapped gift for a boy or girl and placing it in the "decorated" box in one of our three (3) locations. The locations are: in front of Administration's Office at City Hall located at 5985 10th Avenue North; Public Safety Station #1 on Constitution Way & Jog Rd.; and the Community Center on Swain Boulevard. Please bring your gift on or before December 15, 2006. The Marine Corp "Toys for Tots" will then collect and disperse the toys to the needy children in our area. Thank you for your support.

City Employees Help Cleanup Greenacres!

On September 16, 2006, a neighborhood cleanup was held in Pickwick Mobile Home Park in conjunction with the P.B.C. Coastal Cleanup. The great success of this event came from the coordinated efforts of Pickwick Park residents and the following City employees: Shirley Diamond (event organizer), Donna Frandon, Aileen Hernandez, Carlos Cedeno, and Dan Mickus.

Participants appreciated the generosity of the Pickwick Park Managers for providing materials for minor repairs and improvements, for assisting with trash removal, and for holding a cookout at the end of the cleanup. Approximately 60 residents and volunteers worked diligently on their Saturday to improve the neighborhood, and their combined effort should be commended for making the day a huge success!

Neighborhood Outreach Projects

The Public Works Department coordinated volunteer resident's efforts in one of the Mil-lake Communities by beautifying common areas of their neighborhood. The materials for the work were purchased through the Neighborhood Improvement Program grant. The outreach helped make a difference by bringing together neighbors to work for a common cause, to educate residents on the impact of littering, and to provide residents with a sense of community appreciation.

Solid Waste Collection Rates

The City of Greenacres has a multi-year contract with Onyx Waste Services of Florida, Inc. for the collection of solid waste and recycling materials in the City. The City bills its customers, including many homeowner and condominium associations, each October 1st and April 1st for the next six-month period. The Onyx amended contract provides for an annual price adjustment based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the Miami-Fort Lauderdale area for June to June, with a ceiling rate of 4 percent and a fuel surcharge.

This rate increase adjustment is applied each October 1 billing period. The annual adjustment is applied for October 1st, 2006 solid waste bills, resulted in the following monthly rate changes:

	Old Monthly Rate	New Monthly Rate
Residential Curbside	\$5.71	\$6.24
Dumpster twice a week	\$3.68	\$4.02
Dumpster three times a week	\$4.87	\$5.32

These new rates remain one of the lowest solid waste residential collection rates in Palm Beach County.

Certificate of Achievement in Financial Reporting

The City has been notified, by the Government Finance Officer's Association that the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year that ended September 30, 2005, qualified for a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

After School Programs Begin a New Year

It's time to start the new school year. On August 16, 2006, the C.A.R.E.S. and Cool Zone programs were in full swing as the City transported over 179 elementary and middle school youth from seven (7) local schools.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Greenacres
Liberty Park
Cholee Lake
Heritage

MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Okeeheelee
L. C. Swain
Tradewinds

The City provides the participants with a daily snack, computer and homework assistance, structured indoor/outdoor activities, Karate, art instruction, video games, free counseling services (group, individual and family), community service opportunities and much more!

Hot Spot, the City's high school program, welcomed new members with an old-fashioned ice cream social. Over 35 participants created their own sundaes with a variety of toppings as they listened to music and got to know one another. Program information and registration forms were distributed to our new participants and everyone enjoyed an opportunity to play dodge ball and "capture the flag."

Youth Camps (Kindergarten-8th Grade)

Winter Camp

Date- December 27th – January 8th
Cost - \$160.00
Registration begins November 17, 2006.

Spring Camp

Date - April 2nd – April 9th
Cost - \$120.00
Registration begins March 9, 2007



Summer Camp

Dates- June 6th – August 8th
Cost- \$400.00 (June), \$480.00 (July), \$40.00 (Aug)
Registration begins March 31, 2007

Youth Basketball League

This recreational league for children ages 7 - 17 stresses fun, basketball fundamentals, and team sportsmanship. This is a co-ed league where boys and girls may play together on the same team. Cost includes t-shirt or jersey (depending on age group), as well as awards and an end-of-season banquet.

- Weekday evenings and Saturdays
- November – April
- \$50 residents/\$65 non-residents for ages 7-14
- \$60 for ages 15 - 17 (added cost is for jersey)
- Registration begins in November

Volunteer coaches are needed, and will be trained and certified by the department. Coaches will have registration fees waived for one son or daughter. There will be a mandatory parent meeting that at least one parent/guardian must attend before the season begins. Sponsorships are \$200 per team.

Call 642-2181 for more details.

Youth Soccer League

Our youth soccer league is ready to kick off its 4th season. The league is open to boys and girls ages 6-13.

This is a co-ed recreational soccer league where all children receive playing time regardless of ability or experience. Boys and girls may participate on the same team. Age divisions are determined by child's age as of April 1 (must be 6 years of age and cannot turn 14 by April 1). Age groupings will be available at time of registration. Registration cost includes jersey, player awards, and end-of-season banquet.

- Weekdays and Saturdays
- March – May
- \$50 residents/\$65 non-residents
- Registration through March 11th or until filled



Book Club for Adults

If you are interested in joining the first Greenacres Adult Book Club we are looking for you! If you like to read, discuss, and enjoy the company of others then this is the club for you. If you are interested, please contact Jackie Smith at 642-2090 or stop by and see her at the Community Center.



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