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Rainy Season Readiness

South Florida's annual rainy season occurs between June and October during which our region sees 70% of its annual rainfall causing many communities to see flooding. Damage from flooding causes physical and environmental impacts, and the cost for correcting the damage is always high. Prevention of stormwater problems through proper maintenance is far easier and less expensive than correcting them.



Florida's drainage and flood control is through a complex network of canals and water control structures that convey excess water into regional storage areas or out to the ocean. The path of stormwater begins in the neighborhoods and commercial plazas and travels to city, county or local drainage district canals and finally to South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) canals or natural rivers. As a result of this interconnected drainage system, flood control in South Florida is a shared responsibility between the District, County and city governments, local drainage districts, homeowners associations and residents. The majority of private property owners are responsible for their own stormwater management system. Failure to provide proper maintenance reduces the pollutant removal efficiency and the systems overall flow capacity.

Things Homeowners Associations can do to keep their stormwater systems functioning properly include:

- ~ Know how your stormwater system works. Be aware of the location, condition and operation of all facilities that you are responsible for maintaining.
- ~ Keep all stormwater inlets, pipes, and culverts clean and free of debris. The grates should be kept unobstructed and any sediment, trash or debris in the inlets or pipes should be removed.
- ~ Swales and grassed areas tend to fill in with vegetation and sediment over time. It is important to mow swales regularly and to keep them clear of yard waste, clippings or vegetation.
- ~ Stabilize eroded areas in ditches and canals with appropriate materials such as sod or plantings. The existing slopes and dimensions should be compared against the original design.
- ~ Remove any accumulated dead vegetation, trash, and debris from all lakes. Erosion or washouts should be repaired or vegetated. Outfall pipes should be open and clear.
- ~ Conduct routine inspections on all outfall structures to make sure no obstructions are present or repairs are needed. Trash or vegetation should be removed.



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City Council Actions



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The following are highlights of actions taken by the City Council at their meetings from January through June, 2012.

- ~ Approved the annexation of 3.14 acres located at 4761 Myrtle Drive.
- ~ Approved the annexation of the Exxon Service Station located on 0.473 acres at 4025 South Military Trail.
- ~ Approved a Special Exception for the Palm Beach Soccer Club to be located at 5353 Lake Worth Road.
- ~ Authorized amendments to the 2010 Florida Building Code and 2012 Greenacres Property Maintenance Code.
- ~ Approved a Special Exception for the AT&T Cell Tower located at 6250 Purdy Lane to add an emergency generator.
- ~ Authorized the execution of an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Atlantis to provide fire rescue services effective October 1, 2012.
- ~ Authorized the execution of an Interlocal Agreement with Palm Beach County for Information Technology Network Services.
- ~ Authorized the FY 2013 School Readiness Agreement and the CTCA Afterschool Service Agreement with the Early Learning Coalition of Palm Beach County that provides monthly reimbursement to the City for participants in the City's Afterschool Program.
- ~ Approved the execution of two Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) Agreements for enhancement of the Villa Del Trio storm drainage system and enhancement of the A & B Canals.

Volunteer Board Service

The City of Greenacres has several volunteer boards that provide a valuable service to the operations of the City. Residents interested in serving their community through volunteer service are encouraged to complete a Board Application and submit it to the City Clerk Division. Applications are available on the City's website at www.ci.greenacres.fl.us and at City Hall located at 5800 Melaleuca Lane, Greenacres.

The City is looking for residents to serve on the Code Enforcement Board, Building Board of Adjustments and Appeals, Civil Service Board, Planning Commission, Scholarship Committee, and the Zoning Board of Adjustments and Appeals. If you have any questions about duties of the boards and commission, please call 561-642-2006.

Hours of Operation/Holidays

The City of Greenacres City Hall hours of operation are Monday - Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and closed during Federal Public Holidays. Below are the holiday observances through the end of 2012.

HOLIDAY	DATE(S) OBSERVED
Veterans Day	Monday, November 12, 2012
Thanksgiving Day/Day After Thanksgiving	Thursday, November 22 - Friday, November 23, 2012
Christmas Eve/Christmas Day	Monday, December 24 - Tuesday, December 25, 2012

FY 2013 Proposed City Budget

The City Council scheduled public hearings on September 10th and 19th at 7:00 p.m. to adopt a budget for Fiscal Year 2013 (*October 1, 2012 – September 30, 2013*). The City's proposed general operating budget for FY 2013 is \$20.5 million, which is just \$51,000 more than the current budget. The proposed budget reflects adjustments to offset the 4.67% decline in existing property values.

The proposed tax rate of 5.65 mills, which is the same as the current rate, represents a 4.4% reduction in the amount of property tax revenue collected or approximately \$288,000 less than last year's revenue. Millage is the tax rate levied by a city on taxable property per each \$1,000 of assessed taxable value. To make up for the deficit, the City is using several approaches that include continuing implementation of various cost cutting measures and using the budget stabilization reserve. At the proposed tax rate of 5.65 mills, the total property tax collection will be \$6.17 million or \$162 per capita which is approximately \$10 per capita less than FY 2012. The proposed tax rate represents a 4.8% drop below the rolled-back rate which is the millage rate that would produce the same amount of tax revenue as the previous year.

Where the \$20.5 million goes

Public Safety	\$11.5 Million
Public Works	\$2.6 Million
Solid Waste Collection/Liability Insurance/Transfers	\$2.4 Million
Finance/Information Technology	\$1.3 Million
Engineering/Planning/Building	\$1.2 Million
Administration/other General Government	\$1.0 Million
Leisure Services	\$0.5 Million

The proposed City Budget is available on the City's website at www.ci.greenacres.fl.us/dept_finance. The chart below shows four (4) examples of property values and how the City's millage rate affects each for Fiscal Year 2013.

	Condo Non-Homestead	Condo Homestead	Single Family Non-Homestead	Single Family Homestead
Assessed Value:	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$125,000	\$125,000
Less: Homestead Exemption	0	25,000	0	50,000
Taxable Amount	50,000	25,000	125,000	75,000
Total Millage	5.65	5.65	5.65	5.65
Total taxes paid to the City of Greenacres	\$282.5	141.25	706.25	423.75
<i>(Property value – Homestead Exemptions = Taxable Amount / \$1,000 X Millage rate = taxes paid to City)</i>				

Each August, the Palm Beach County Property Appraiser's Office sends a Notice of Proposed Property Taxes to all property owners showing the taxable value of the property and the property tax information for all taxing authorities.

Of the total property tax bill, the City's property tax portion represents approximately 22% with the remaining 78% going to the County, School District, and other independent taxing authorities.



CITY GOVERNMENT DIRECTORY

Building Inspections/Permits
561-642-2052

Business Registration
561-642-2053

City Clerk & Council
561-642-2006

City Hall - General
561-642-2000

Code Enforcement
561-642-2065
561-642-2068

Community Center
561-642-2090

Employment
561-642-2001

Finance
561-642-2013

Planning, Zoning, & Engineering
561-642-2054

Public Works
561-642-2071

Public Safety Non-Emergency
561-642-2160

Refuse Collection/Recycling
561-642-2071

Refuse Collection Bills
561-642-2012

Animal and Wildlife Information

Human activities can attract certain wildlife species looking for an easy meal or shelter. Unfortunately, this can bring them into conflict with the interests of people, and the wildlife can be considered to be a nuisance. Nuisance animals, pests, and stray animals can cause property damage and may present a threat to public safety. If improper interactions with humans occur, such as feeding or providing shelter, any animal can become a nuisance to the community.

Muscovy Ducks are not domestic animals and should be left to forage for their food naturally. These ducks are not protected by State wildlife regulations, but they do fall within State animal cruelty laws (Sec. 828.12, Florida Statutes). The City of Greenacres strongly recommends that people **DO NOT** feed the ducks. Their natural diet is comprised of vegetation and insects—both of which are abundant in our tropical climate. Additionally, feeding by humans makes the ducks reliant on such hand-outs and too lazy to continue foraging for their natural dietary items.



The same is true with **Raccoons, Birds, and Squirrels**. So as to avoid messes from uninvited guests, residents are encouraged to keep lids on their trash cans and keep them in a secure area where access is limited.

Mosquito Population Control

It is inevitable that mosquitoes will make their presence known to anyone that finds themselves near standing water. The Public Works Department has coordinated the eradication of mosquitoes and their larvae with the Palm Beach County Mosquito Control Division for the treatment of all City maintained alleyways, lakes, retention ponds, and detention ponds using environmentally friendly chemical treatment, hormonal and bacterial larvaciding and other biological controls. The goal of this application is to enhance the comfort, health, and quality of life for City residents. Residents can also take advantage of this service to treat standing water at their residences or at adjacent homes that have been abandoned. The Palm Beach County Mosquito Control Division can be contacted at 561-967-6480 or at www.pbcgov.com/erm/mosquito/servicerequest.htm for additional information.

Mosquitoes are active during twilight hours and at night; however, around the home, the mosquitoes that breed in discarded containers are active during the day. Mosquitoes need water to complete their life cycle; they can breed in almost any source of water. Here are just a few tips to eliminate mosquito breeding around your property:

- ~ Remove standing water in old tires, buckets, drums, or any other containers
- ~ Check clogged gutters and flat roofs that may have poor drainage
- ~ Cover barrels and trash containers tightly with a lid or with a mesh screen
- ~ Empty plastic wading pools and bird baths often and level the ground around your home so water can run off
- ~ Fill in holes or depressions near your home that collect water
- ~ Try a bacterial insecticide (*available at local retail stores*) specific to mosquitoes



By observing the recommendations above, everyone can not only be a better neighbor and wildlife enthusiast, but also be proud to be a citizen who is personally helping to keep our City clean and safe!

KEEPING IT 'Green' in GREENACRES - Tree City USA!

The Arbor Day Foundation recently announced that Greenacres, FL was named a Tree City USA community for its commitment to urban forestry. The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service.

It is the 20th year Greenacres has earned this national honor from the Arbor Day Foundation, the nation's largest nonprofit organization dedicated to planting trees. *"We all benefit when communities like Greenacres place a high priority on planting and caring for trees, one of our nation's most beautiful resources,"* said John Rosenow, Chief Executive and founder of the Arbor Day Foundation. *"Trees shade our homes and add beauty to our neighborhoods, and they also provide many environmental, economic and social benefits. We applaud Greenacres' elected officials, volunteers and citizens for providing vital care for its urban forest."*



Protecting Water Quality

The City of Greenacres cares about the stormwater management system and the quality of water entering and leaving our area. You can help us maintain quality standards by reporting illicit connections to the city. Illicit connections are discharges of any pollutants into the stormwater system, including pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers, sewage, chemicals and oil. Stormwater runoff results when rain falls on surfaces that cannot absorb it, such as pavement or rooftops, or ground that is already saturated from rain. This rain flows over land toward stormwater inlets, swales, ditches, canals, lakes, wetlands, or coastal waters. Most of the unwanted pollutants that end up on our water bodies come from human activities.

Maintaining the Quality of Our Water

- ✓ Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly. When using these chemicals, use the recommended amounts and only when necessary.
- ✓ Use organic mulch or safer pest control methods whenever possible.
- ✓ Don't leave compost or mulch yard waste in the street or sweep it into storm drains or waterways.
- ✓ Don't over-water your lawn. Consider using a soaker hose instead of a sprinkler.
- ✓ Cover piles of dirt or mulch being used for landscaping projects.
- ✓ Purchase biodegradable, non-toxic products.
- ✓ Use, store, and dispose of products as directed on the container.
- ✓ Sweep up and properly dispose of any construction debris.
- ✓ Use a commercial car wash or wash your car on a lawn or other unpaved surface.
- ✓ Check your vehicle regularly for leaks and/or spills. Clean up and properly dispose of materials used for spill cleanup. Repair leaks as soon as possible to prevent future spills.
- ✓ Always pick up after your pet...even in your own yard!
- ✓ Take the time to educate others on the negative impact of dumping into a stormwater system.

Call to report dumping and discharges into stormwater systems. Contact the Building Department at 561-642-2059



Capital Improvements Projects (CIP)

Public Safety Headquarters: Renovations to the site of Public Safety Headquarters on Jog Road to improve the safety and appearance of the property was completed on January 13, 2012. The work included repaving and restriping the parking lot in conformity with City Code and ADA requirements, installing additional parking lot lights, installing a security fence and gates, constructing a larger dumpster and recycling enclosure, constructing a handicap accessible sidewalk from Jog Road to the Public Safety building entry, and installing landscaping along the south side of Public Safety Headquarters and westwards up to Liberty Park Elementary School.



Exterior Painting of Public Buildings: This project provided for the exterior maintenance, weather proofing and painting of various public buildings. Age, usage, maintenance and repairs, and color-fading are taken into account as part of the analysis to determine when each facility will be painted. Public Safety Station 2, which was originally painted in August 2002, was repainted in March 2012.



Villa Del Trio Improvements: The project provided a comprehensive solution in the Villa Del Trio sub-division (*S. 37th Street, S. 37th Court, and S. 38th Street*) to address sidewalk damage from the Live Oak tree roots and increase the length of the driveways such that cars would not block sidewalks. City staff discussed the issues and identified solutions for vehicular traffic. The following steps were identified and completed in three (3) phases: Pruning the crowns of 147 Live Oak trees; Pruning the tree roots, Repairing uplifted sidewalks and driveways; and Re-striping the streets.



Haverhill Road and Melaleuca Lane Medians: Landscaping work on the median of Haverhill Road south of MacArthur Palm Trail was completed in March 2012, and the median on Melaleuca Lane east of Fire Sky Drive / Pine Glen Lane was completed in May 2012. The Haverhill Road median work included the installation of canopy trees, shrubs, irrigation, sod, the relocation of the City entry sign southwards, and installation of a light for the sign.



The Melaleuca Lane median work included the installation of palm trees and drought resistant shrubs. The landscaping will improve safety by visually demarcating the medians and discouraging improper vehicle access and will improve the aesthetics of the community.

Greenacres receives Distinguished Budget Award

The City of Greenacres has received the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the Fiscal Year 2012 Budget. The City has received this award for the 19th year in a row.

The award represents a significant achievement by the City and reflects the commitment of the governing body and staff to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting. In order to receive the budget award, the City had to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. These guidelines are designed to assess how well an entity's budget serves as: A Policy Document, An Operations Guide, A Financial Plan, and A Communications Device.



The GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Awards Program is the only national awards program in governmental budgeting. Budget documents must be rated "proficient" in all four (4) categories to receive the award. When a Distinguished Budget Presentation Award is granted, a Certificate of Recognition for Budget Presentation is also presented to the individual or department designated as being primarily responsible for its having achieved the award. This has been presented to the City of Greenacres, Department of Finance. Congratulations!

Fire Safety - Preventative Measures

Many preventative and simple measures are unfortunately overlooked and every year more than 350,000 homes in the U.S. are struck by fire. There were 81 structure fires in the City last year that caused damage to homes. There are easy steps you can take to reduce the chance that your home will be damaged or anyone injured in a blaze-whether it starts inside or outside your home. The following are some tips for fire safety:

- ~ **Install Smoke Detectors and Fire Extinguishers:** Install smoke detectors on every level of your home. THEN... test detectors every month and check fire extinguisher pressure gauges.
- ~ **Plan Your Escape from Fire:** Prepare for a fire emergency by sitting down with your family and agreeing on an escape plan.
- ~ **Keep an Eye on Smokers:** Careless smoking is the leading cause of fire deaths in North America.
- ~ **Cook Carefully:** Never leave cooking unattended.
- ~ **Give Space Heaters Space:** Keep portable heaters and space heaters at least three feet from anything that can burn.
- ~ **Remember:** Matches and lighters are tools, not toys. In a child's hand, matches and lighters can be deadly.
- ~ **Clean lint screen in clothes dryer before each use.**
- ~ **Electrical Safety:** If an electrical appliance smokes or has an unusual smell, unplug it immediately, then have it serviced before using it again.

If you do have a situation where you are in a fire or get burned:

- ~ **Cool A Burn:** Run cool water over a burn for 10-15 minutes. Never use ice.
- ~ **Crawl Low Under Smoke:** Smoke and poisonous gases rise with the heat. The air is cleaner near the floor.
- ~ **Stop, Drop and Roll:** If your clothes catch fire, don't run. Stop where you are, drop to the ground, cover your face with your hands, and roll over and over to smother the flames.

For more detailed information on these fire safety tips please visit www.ci.greenacres.fl.us.

Greenacres Historical Society

The Greenacres Historical Society, Inc. became incorporated on December 28, 2006, and has been operating their museum from the Leisure Service Building at 525 Swain Boulevard. The renovation of the City building located at 301 Swain Boulevard (*former firehouse/public works building*), will accommodate the new museum which will open later this year. The Historical Society actively promotes and maintains historical documents and collections about the history of the City, and the larger workspace will allow them to continue to promote the use of, and encourage the exchange of, information and promote education among individuals who have an interest in historical places in Greenacres. The Society is looking for members and volunteers. For more information about the Greenacres Historical Society, contact Estelle Friedman at 561-968-4123.



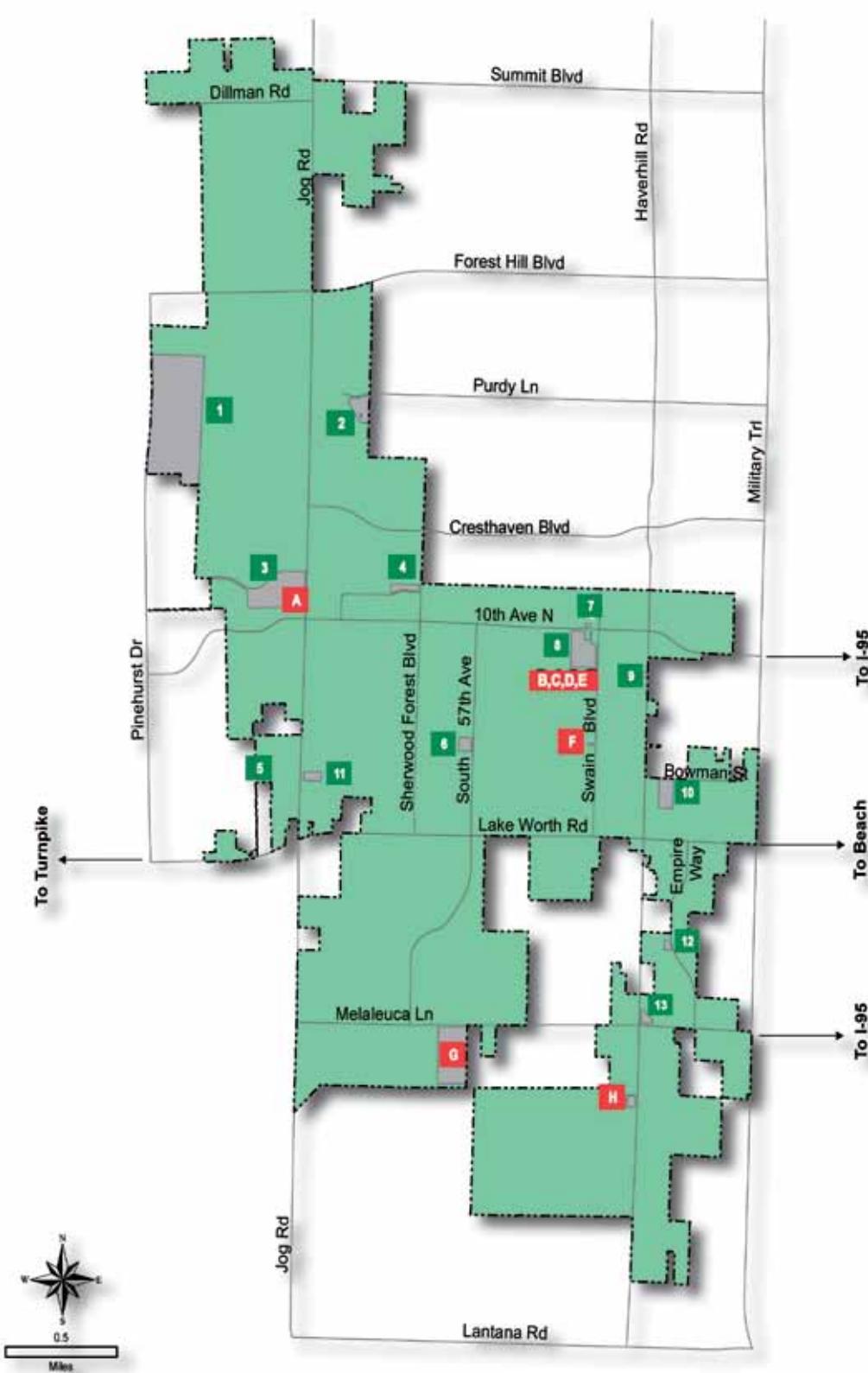
Parks & Facilities Locations

City Facilities

- A** Public Safety Headquarters
- B** Community Center
- C** Community Hall
- D** Leisure Services Administration
- E** Leisure Services Activities Building
- F** City Building
- G** City Hall & Public Works
- H** Public Safety Station No. 2

City Parks

- 1** Greenacres Freedom Park
- 2** Veteran's Park
- 3** Community Park
- 4** Burrowing Owl Park
- 5** Ramblewood Park
- 6** Roy Rambo Park
- 7** Friends Park
- 8** Ira Van Bullock Park
- 9** Oasis Park
- 10** Bowman Park
- 11** Heather Estates Park
- 12** Empire Park
- 13** Gladiator Park



Facility Rental Information

The City of Greenacres rents facilities to the public for meetings, birthdays and other similar functions. The following is a list of the facilities available to rent. Rental must be secured two (2) weeks prior to rental date. For more information call 561-642-2090. **NO ALCOHOL ALLOWED AT CITY FACILITIES.**

COMMUNITY CENTER - 501 SWAIN BLVD (INDOOR FACILITIES)	HOURLY RATE	NON-PROFIT or LONG-TERM RATE	SECURITY DEPOSIT
Gymnasium (Occupancy- 388)	\$100	\$50	\$150
Room #1 (Occupancy- *64)	\$50	\$25	\$25
Room #2 (Occupancy- *40)	\$35	\$18	\$25
Room #3 (Occupancy- *40)	\$20	\$10	\$25
Room #4 (Occupancy- *17)	\$10	\$5	\$25
Food Prep Area	\$30	\$30	n/a
Additional staff charges apply for rentals after operating hours. All occupants must vacate the building by 12:30 a.m.			
* Occupancy based on classroom use at 20 sq. ft. per person			

PICNIC PAVILION Rental Hours: 10:30 a.m.- 8:00 p.m. 2 Hour Minimum	HOURLY RATE	NON-PROFIT or LONG-TERM RATE	SECURITY DEPOSIT
Community Park (60')	\$25	\$15	\$100
Freedom Park (44')	\$15	\$8	\$100
Freedom Park (36')	\$13	\$6	\$100
Ira Van Bullock Park Large Pavilion (48'x 34')			
Ira Van Bullock Park (32')			

ATHLETIC FIELDS	HOURLY RATE	NON-PROFIT or LONG-TERM RATE	SECURITY DEPOSIT
BASEBALL/SOCCER/SOFTBALL/OPEN AREAS: Freedom Park (70' Baseball & Softball) Freedom Park Soccer (East, West, Northeast fields) Ira Van Bullock Park - North (60' Baseball) Veterans Park (60' Baseball)	\$25	\$15	\$100
TOURNAMENT FEE: Baseball, Softball, Soccer	\$200 / 12 hour day \$30 / ea. add'l hour	n/a	\$250
SMALL GROUP PERMIT: (2-6 persons) Maximum 2 hours use	\$0	n/a	n/a
FIELD LIGHTS FEE: November - March 5:30-10:00 p.m. Daylight Savings Time 7:00-10:00 p.m. (2 nd Sunday in March - 1 st Sunday in November)	\$20	\$20	n/a
FIELD LINING/STRIPING FEE: Ballfield Soccer Field (Requires 1 week advance notice to Parks Supervisor)	\$25 Flat Fee \$100 Flat Fee	\$25 Flat Fee \$100 Flat Fee	n/a
CONCESSION STAND: Freedom Park (Baseball & Soccer Fields) Veterans Park	\$10	\$5	\$100



RECREATION PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

Youth Classes

All youth classes are held at the Greenacres Community Center located at 501 Swain Blvd. For more information please visit our website at www.ci.greenacres.fl.us or call 561-642-2090 for specific instructor information.

COMMUNITY CENTER

501 Swain Boulevard
Greenacres, FL 33463

Mon - Thur: 10:00 a.m.- 8:00 p.m.
Fri: 10:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m.
Sat: 9:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.

561-642-2090 / 561-642-2092



LEISURE SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

525 Swain Boulevard
Greenacres, FL 33463

Mon - Fri: 8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.

561-642-2181



YOUTH PROGRAMS

(COMMUNITY HALL)

501 Martin Avenue
Greenacres, FL 33463

During School:

Mon - Fri: 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Camp Programs:

Mon - Fri: 7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

561-642-2193 / 561-642-2230



If you require special assistance in order to participate in any of our programs, please contact Leisure Services at 561-642-2181 at least one (1) week prior to the beginning of the program.

VISIT US ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE AT:
WWW.CI.GREENACRES.FL.US

YOUTH CLASS SCHEDULE					
CLASSES	AGE	DAY	DATE	TIME	FEE
BATON & POM High-energy Baton, Pom-Pom and Street Dance program.	4 +	Mon	Year Round	Beginner 5:00 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.	\$40/Month
				Advanced 5:45 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.	
BALLET & TAP DANCE I Children learn coordination, balance, rhythm & flexibility, and perform in yearly recital.	3 - 4	Sat	1st four (4) Saturdays of each month	10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. or 10:45 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	\$40/Month
	5 - 6	Sat		9:15 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	
	6 - 8	Sat	Year Round	10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.	\$55/Month
	6-10	Sat		10:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	
BALLET & TAP DANCE II Perfect prep dance class for magnet dance program. Black taps and pink ballet shoes required.	5 - 8	Tues	Year Round	5:00 p.m. - 5:50 p.m.	\$45/Month
	8-11	Tues		6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Free Trial Class
SELF DEFENSE/KARATE Classes taught by Sensei Jeff Kelljichian, a 6th degree blackbelt and High Master in the USA GOJU system.	5 - 13	Mon & Wed	Year Round	6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	\$45/Month
FENCING Practical use of the sword and its use in preparation for self defense and personal combat.	14 & Up	Thur	Year Round	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	\$80/Month
HIP HOP FIT Learn how to dance and stay fit.	5-10	Tues & Thur	Year Round	6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	\$40/Month
	11-18			7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	

Youth Athletics

The City's Youth Athletic Leagues are facilitated partially through the City and also the Lake Worth Sharks and are open to children age five (5) years and over. Registration fees include player evaluations, draft, skill development instruction, fair play, game uniform, and participation award.

Youth registrations fees are \$80/Resident and \$100/Non-Resident and are accepted at the Greenacres Community Center, located at 501 Swain Boulevard, Greenacres, FL 33463 on Monday - Thursday 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m., Friday 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., and Saturdays 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

YOUTH ATHLETIC LEAGUES		
LEAGUE	REGISTRATION / DATES	
Co-ED SOCCER (SPRING) Co-ed recreational league for children ages 5-14. Divided by age group. Cost includes uniform shirt & award.	Open Registration Begins: Games Begin: Celebration Event:	February 1, 2013 March 30, 2013 June 15, 2013
Co-ED BASKETBALL Co-ed recreational league for children ages 5-16. Divided by age group. Cost includes uniform shirt & award.	Open Registration Begins: Games Begin: Celebration Event:	November 1, 2012 January 5, 2013 March 3, 2013



Greenacres Little League Baseball

The Greenacres Little League Association offers T-ball, Coach Pitch, Minor, Major, and Senior Leagues. Call the local Little League office at 561-907-0034 for detailed league information.



Adult Classes

Adult classes are held at the Greenacres Community Center located at 501 Swain Blvd. For more information please visit our website at www.ci.greenacres.fl.us or call 561-642-2090 for specific instructor information.

ADULT CLASS SCHEDULE				
CLASSES	DAY	DATE	TIME	FEE
SELF DEFENSE/KARATE Learn to apply karate in everyday life. Classes taught by Sensei Jeff Kelljchian, a 6th degree blackbelt and High Master in the USA GOJU system.	Mon & Wed	Year Round	7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	\$60/Month
WATERCOLOR Paint along as the instructor guides you with individualized instruction, and as a bonus you'll be able to take home a painting after each class.	Wed Session 1	Jan 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30	10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	\$50/Session <i>(20 People Maximum)</i>
	Wed Session 2	Feb 6, 13, 20 & 27	10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	
	Wed Session 3	Mar 6, 13, 20 & 27	10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	
	Wed Session 4	Apr 3, 10, 17 & 24	10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	
FENCING Practical use of the sword and its use in preparation for self defense and personal combat.	Thur	Year Round	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	\$80/Month
ZUMBA Exercise to a variety of Latin dance beats.	Mon & Thur	Year Round	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	\$10/Class \$35/Month (1 Class/week) \$55/Month (2 Class/week)

Senior Programs

Senior programs provide an opportunity for participants age 60 and over to gather in a safe environment to enjoy dancing, theatre, fun and games. Most programs are held at the Greenacres Community Center located at 501 Swain Blvd. For more information please visit our website at www.ci.greenacres.fl.us or call 561-642-2090.

SENIOR CLASS SCHEDULE				
CLASSES	DAY	DATE	TIME	FEE
SENIOR MEAL PROGRAM Provided by PBC, allows participants age 60 and over to enjoy a game of bingo, cards or Scrabble with friends.	Mon - Fri	Year Round	12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Register through the PBC County Division of Senior Services to be eligible at 561-355-4755.
ADULTS AT LEISURE - KRAVIS SERIES Enjoy great entertainment from around the globe with matinee performances.	TBD	December - March	11:00 a.m. or 2:00 p.m. Shows	Registration Begins October 11, 2012 Call for Rates
SENIOR DANCES Swing down memory lane as a live band or DJ plays music from the 20s, 30s, 40s & 50s.	1st & 3rd Thursday each month	Year Round	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	\$5/Person

AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS

CARES - *Children Are Really Extra Special* - a year-round afterschool program for elementary school age children - an approved child care program through Family Central, Inc.

- ~ Hours of Operation: during school days - 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.; during school holidays and Summer - 7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- ~ Transportation provided daily from Greenacres, Liberty Park, Cholee Lake, Heritage, and Diamond View Elementary Schools.
- ~ Enrichment activities include: field trips, computers, athletics, music classes, cooking, gardening, cultural/civic education, art activities and FCAT tutorial/academic assistance.
- ~ A \$25 registration fee is required (*per family*) with monthly program fees (*Family Central Inc., subsidized childcare funding accepted*).



Cool Zone - Supervised, safe, comfortable, and fun environment for 6th, 7th and 8th grade students.

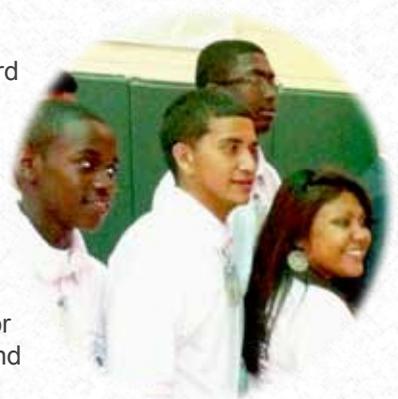
- ~ Hours of Operation: during school days - 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.; during school holidays and Summer - 7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- ~ Transportation provided daily from L. C. Swain, Okeeheelee, and Tradewinds Middle Schools.
- ~ Enrichment activities include: field trips, cooking, gardening, dancing, athletics, cultural/arts, civic education, leadership development, FCAT tutorial/academic assistance, and adolescent life skills.
- ~ Community service opportunities offered throughout the year.
- ~ Active members may take part in the Advisory Council and help plan trips and activities.
- ~ A \$25 annual registration fee is required (*per family*).
- ~ A \$25 monthly program fee includes snack and transportation from school.



Hot Spot - A program for teenagers between the ages of 14 to 17 years old.

Teens participate in a variety of activities: billiards, ping-pong/pool, foosball, board games, video games, academic assistance, cultural arts, civic education projects, career exploration, college tours, field trips, community service opportunities, tournaments, contests, and athletics. Activities are held at the Leisure Services Complex on the first and third Fridays & Saturdays from 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. (*excluding holidays*). Participants volunteer Monday through Friday 3:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. as mentors/Counselors in Training (CIT's).

The Hot Spot Advisory Council enables members to earn volunteer hours required for High School graduation. Advisory Council members also have a chance to plan and attend special field trips, free of charge.





Join us for tons of fun during winter and spring breaks from school. Register for our camps and enjoy field trips, sports, games, arts and crafts, and lots of indoor and outdoor amusement. Registration fee \$30.00 per family/per program.

CAMP PROGRAM	REGISTRATION BEGINS	DATES & TIME	FAMILY CENTRAL RATE	PRIVATE RATE	PAYMENT DUE DATE
WINTER	November 1, 2012	December 26, 2012 - January 7, 2013 7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.	\$55.20	\$208	December 3, 2012
SPRING	January 31, 2013	March 25, 2013 - April 1, 2013 7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.	\$48.30	\$156	March 1, 2013
SUMMER	March 15, 2013	June 12, 2013 - June 27, 2013 7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.	\$27.60	\$312.00	May 13, 2013
		July 1, 2013 - July 31, 2013 7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.	\$50.60	\$572.00	June 10, 2013
		August 1, 2013 - August 16, 2013 7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.	\$27.60	\$312.00	July 8, 2013

Parents can obtain registration forms for all afterschool and camp programs at 501 Martin Avenue or download from our website at www.ci.greenacres.fl.us. For more information on programs, please call 561-642-2193. Credit Cards accepted.

Get Involved with Your Community!

Get involved in a Sponsorship endeavor with the City. This publication alone is sent to over 17,000 residences and businesses within the City. Our annual community events attract over 12,000 spectators from all over Palm Beach County. We are looking for co-sponsors for "Egg'stravaganza" and our very popular "Ignite the Nite" July 4th event! Call Michele Thompson at 561-642-2181 for more information on how you can get involved.

Thank You to our Sponsors!

The City of Greenacres would like to recognize and thank the following businesses for their support of programs and events throughout the past year:

- ~ Atlantis Skateway
- ~ Bellante's Pizza
- ~ Braman Honda of Palm Beach
- ~ Cynthia D'Amico Insurance/State Farm
- ~ Fifth Third Bank
- ~ G & S Auto Repair
- ~ Greenhouse Bazaar
- ~ Lake Worth Sharks
- ~ Monterrey Supermarket
- ~ Mr. Vision
- ~ Presidente Supermarket
- ~ Security Systems & More
- ~ Sign Connection USA, Inc.
- ~ Tacos al Carbon
- ~ Tax USA
- ~ Twery's Estate Buyers
- ~ Veolia Environmental Services

Did You Know ?

4.67 %

Decline in existing property values in the City from January 2011 to 2012. The taxable value of all properties in the City declined from \$1.192 billion to \$1.133 billion, year over year due to the effect of the "Great Recession."

3.6 MILLION

Reduction in property tax revenue received by the City between fiscal year 2008 and fiscal year 2013.

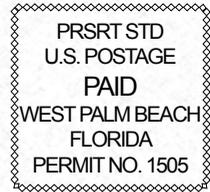
6.146 MILLION

Total property tax revenue projected to be received by the City in Fiscal Year 2012.

\$162

Per capita property taxes paid by Greenacres residents. This rate is the 35th lowest among the 38 cities in the County.





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2012/2013 Calendar of Events

EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
<p>SALSA FEST</p> <p>Enjoy a “Little Havana” atmosphere with Salsa Dancing, entertainment, food, Cantina’s, games, domino tables, and amusement rides.</p>	<p>November 16-18, 2012</p>	<p>Friday 16th - 5:00 p.m.- 10:00 p.m. Saturday 17th - 11:00 a.m.- 10:00 p.m. Sunday 18th - 11:00 a.m.- 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Greenacres Community Park</p>
<p>DADDY/DAUGHTER DANCE</p> <p>Spend an enchanted evening with your special date and enjoy food, dancing, and games.</p>	<p>February 23, 2013</p>	<p>6:30 p.m. -9:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Greenacres Community Center</p>
<p>EGG'STRAVAGANZA</p> <p>Hunt for special prize eggs, go on a hay ride, and enjoy pictures with the Easter Bunny.</p>	<p>March 30, 2013</p>	<p>10:00 a.m. -1:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Greenacres Community Park</p>
<p>ROCK N' ROLL SUNDAY</p> <p>Annual benefit to raise funds for Veterans - a celebration of rock n' roll, classic cars and motorcycles!</p>	<p>May 19, 2013</p>	<p>12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Greenacres Community Park</p>
<p>IGNITE THE NITE</p> <p>Specialty entertainment, children's activities, food, and fireworks display.</p>	<p>July 4, 2013</p>	<p>5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Greenacres Community Park</p>

Volunteer Event Assistants Needed

Would you like to get an inside view of how events are put together? The City is looking for Volunteer Event Assistants for our Community Events. If you are interested, please call Nadine Shawah at 561-642-2090.