



Cigarettes contribute to fire risk

Carelessly discarded cigarette butts are a problem and a threat when it comes to fire risk. Sarasota County Fire Chief Brian Gorski warns "There is a law against throwing cigarette butts and ashes outside of vehicles. You could be responsible for damages your carelessness may cause or deaths that may occur.

Never throw or leave cigarettes, matches or other combustible materials on the ground."

Residents are also reminded that Sarasota County also has an air quality ordinance that bans all outside burning. As wildfires often begin unnoticed and spread quickly, residents can reduce risk to family, home and property by creating a family plan. Decide what to do and where to go before wildfires threaten.

Visit www.firewise.org to obtain more information about wildfires. For more information about wildfires contact the Sarasota County Call Center at 861-5000.

Keep Sarasota County Beautiful calls up volunteers for the 2009 Great American Cleanup



Keep Sarasota County Beautiful is asking volunteers to join forces for the 2009 Great American Cleanup from 8 a.m.-noon on Saturday, April 18, at sites throughout Sarasota County. In case of rain, the cleanup will be held Saturday, April 25.

According to Sandra Washington, manager of Keep Sarasota County Beautiful, the Great American Cleanup is a fun, educational way to protect Sarasota's natural beauty. Sarasota's natural beauty. It is also the nation's largest annual community improvement program, where an estimated 3 million volunteers in more than 17,000 communities will participate in 30,000 improvement activities and educational workshops to clean local parks, waterways, trails, sidewalks and streets.

"Sarasota County residents take pride in their beauty of their communities," said Washington.

"Our local volunteers proudly lead the charge to take care of tomorrow today by signing on for the local cleanup."

For more information about how to sponsor this year's cleanup, or to volunteer, visit www.scgov.net and select Keep Sarasota County Beautiful from the County A-Z list, or contact the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000 and ask for Keep Sarasota County Beautiful.



SCAT will celebrate 30th birthday with free rides, events on April 9

Sarasota County Area Transit (SCAT) will turn 30 years old on Thursday, April 9, and will celebrate three decades of service in the Sarasota community by offering free rides on all fixed-routes that day and hosting two events, a 9 a.m. ceremony to honor current and past SCAT employees and a customer appreciation celebration at 3 p.m.

At the 3 p.m. event at the SCAT Downtown Transfer Station, 1565 First St., Sarasota, a drawing will be held for 30 free monthly passes on SCAT fixed-route buses. One first-place winner will receive 12 monthly passes; two second-place winners will get six monthly passes; and six third-place winners will be awarded one monthly pass.

For more information, contact the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000 or visit the SCAT Web site at www.scgov.net/SCAT.

Health In Motion – 15 convenient locations in Sarasota County

Adults without health insurance can get basic health services at 15 locations in Sarasota County. The services available through **Health In Motion** include diabetes education and screening, blood pressure, pregnancy testing, HIV and tuberculosis testing, adult immunizations and health education. People can also get help in finding a permanent health care provider. No appointments are needed. Some services are free, including HIV-Rapid testing. The HIV-Rapid testing results are available in 20 minutes. Other services are offered on a sliding fee scale based on income.

Those who would like a schedule of dates, routes and services can call the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000. To submit a request for Health In Motion to be part of a major community event or to download a copy of the monthly calendar, visit the Sarasota County Health and Human Services website, www.sarasotahealth.org.

Where Parking is not Allowed - Florida Driver's Handbook 2009

- On the roadway side of another parked vehicle (double parking).
- On crosswalks or sidewalks. -
- In front of driveways.
- By curbs painted yellow or where "No Parking" signs are posted.
- Within intersections.
- Within 15 feet of a fire hydrant.
- Within 20 feet of an intersection.
- Within 30 feet of any flashing signal, stop sign or traffic signal.
- In such a way that you block or create a hazard for other vehicles.



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 A one stop phone number connects you to Sarasota County.
941-861-5000 or visit www.scgov.net
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Emergencies - 911

Sarasota County Sheriff's Office
 Main Switch Board, open every day, 24 hours a day
 For those questions that are considered non-emergency.
861-5800

GENERAL MEETING

*Colonial Oaks Park – Room C
 May 5, 2009 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.*

Your Colonial Gables Homeowner's Association Board will conduct elections for the Association board for the Board year, July 1, 2009 thru June 30, 2010. If you have the desire to be a board member, you must live in the neighborhood and be a paid member. Both homeowners and renters are welcome to join and/or be a board member. Paid members, please come vote for the next board at the next general meeting on May 5th

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President's Report

As I write this we are finally getting some much needed rain. Hopefully it will clean up some of the pollen dust that's been hanging around for much too long.

I've had numerous complaints recently regarding trash that is put out days before trash pickup. Let's try to be good neighbors and put out your trash as close to trash day as possible. Also remember to take your cans in from the curb after trash pick-up on Tuesday.

Speaking of being a good neighbor; when you have a yard sale please remember to go around and collect all of the signs that you put up. Please join us at our next meeting May 5th. We could use a few more players in the game!

Ken

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Want meeting CGHA minutes?

CGHA will provide a copy of the minutes to any paid member by:

1. Attending the next meeting
2. Email request to rinkld@aol.com
3. Send a stamped self addressed envelope to

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Colonial Gables Homeowners Association
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