

Membership Drive

The association will be starting the membership drive soon, for the June 2013 to May 2014 membership year. The only way the CGHA can continue creating a newsletter for every home, and continue the improvements, is by creating a larger membership level.

It does not matter if you're a homeowner, or only renting a home, if you enjoy the work of the CGHA, including reading the monthly newsletter, your assistance is required.

Currently, the "dues" are \$20 per year. That is not very much when you think about all that is done with each year. If you want to send your membership early, please send to the Colonial Gables

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Seashell Koalas

Sea creatures are notoriously shy, but the ones you see here managed to come out of their shells to greet passersby. You can find seashells year-round in craft stores and some gift shops.



Koala How-To

1. Experiment with different combinations to come up with animal shapes before gluing everything into place. We chose small scallop and clam shells for the koalas, and long razor clams decorated with ring-top cowries for the tree.

2. Use small cushions of polymer clay, which is pliable and slightly sticky, to test out various arrangements. For assembly, a tacky, quick-drying glue works best. Build heads and bodies separately. Before joining larger parts, use a brush to glue on small parts (such as beads for eyes) and clay to support creatures while glue dries.

Parks and Recreation Summer Camp registration begins April 1

Registration for Sarasota County Parks and Recreation summer camps begins Monday, April 1. Summer camp programs are offered over 11 weeks for children entering grades 1 through 10. Program and registration information is available online at www.scgov.net/parksandrecreation or in the 2013 Summer Camp Guide available at any Sarasota County recreation center, library or county building.

Financial assistance is available to qualifying Sarasota County residents. All summer camp staff members are fully screened, including an FBI fingerprint and background check. Register for camp programs at parksonline@scgov.net beginning April 1.

For more information, call the camp office at 941-861-9870, pick up a summer camp booklet at any recreation center, library or government building, or visit www.scgov.net/parksandrecreation.

Keep Sarasota County Beautiful seeks volunteers for the 2013 Great American Cleanup

Keep Sarasota County Beautiful is seeking volunteers to join forces for the 2013 Great American Cleanup from 8 a.m.-noon on Saturday, April 27, at sites throughout Sarasota County. In case of rain, the cleanup will be Saturday, May 4

For more information about how to sponsor this year's cleanup, or to volunteer, visit www.scgov.net and search for Keep Sarasota County Beautiful, or contact the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000 (TTY: 711 or 1-800-955-8771) and ask for Keep Sarasota County Beautiful.

A list of cleanup sites for the 2013 Great American Cleanup is available online at https://www.scgov.net/KSCB/Documents/GreatAmericanCleanupFlyer_FINAL.pdf

Upcoming Sarasota County School events

Brentwood Elementary Book Fair – April 1-5, 2013

All Schools – FCAT Testing April 16-26, 2013

Sarasota County Sheriff's Office

Do you have an emergency! Do you see an active crime?

Then call 911

For those non-emergency reports, contact Sarasota County Sheriff's Office by calling the Main Switch Board at

861-5800

(this non-emergency phone number is answered 24 hours a day, including all holidays!)

Sarasota County Property Appraiser Important Dates

April 1

Deadline to file Tangible Personal Property returns with the Property Appraiser's Office.

June 1

Deadline to submit the required documentation for the additional Senior Citizen Exemption

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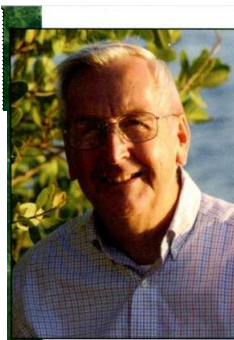


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April 2013 Edition



Treasurer's Note

Hello everyone. My name is Lori Rinker and I serve as your CGHA Treasurer. I was at the entrance handing out our yard sale listing/maps from just before 8:00 am until 12:15 pm.

The day started out wet, but turned out to be beautiful and all of our maps were handed out successfully this year. I wanted to thank everyone who stopped to say hello that morning. It was really nice to feel appreciated by you.

I believe based on the increased activity at the entrance that this year's community yard sale was a success. A big THANK YOU to our 19 participating residents and to all other residents who made donations to this project. I really appreciate all of your contributions and I hope you did well.

Let's hope for another positive year in 2014. Remember elections are coming up in May and CGHA has an opening for the secretary position. The board would really like to see you there!

All my best to you....Lori

Volunteering

Currently there is a need for newsletter delivery for the areas, Tyne Lane (22) & Woodvale Drive (17) & Sharondale Drive (18)

This is a once a month volunteer duty and requires about 45 minutes of your time each month. For a high school student, this could serve as required community service hours. Contact Lori Rinker through email rinkld@aol.com

Colonial Gables
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GENERAL MEETINGS

May 7, 2013

7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Colonial Oaks Park
5300 Colonial Oaks Blvd.

Room C

Sarasota, FL 34232

BOARD MEETING

April 2, 2013 - 7:00 PM

Call for location

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