



Changes in law require voters to renew requests for absentee ballots



Due to changes in federal and state laws, all standing requests for absentee ballots, made prior to November 3, 2010 have expired.

Sarasota County Supervisor of Elections Kathy Dent advises that voters who wish to vote absentee in the city of Sarasota and Town of Longboat Key elections on March 8 and March 15, respectively, must renew their requests for an absentee ballot.

A request for an absentee ballot for the City of Sarasota Regular Election to be mailed must be received by the supervisor of elections office prior to 5 p.m. on March 2. Requests for the Town of Longboat Key General Election must be received no later than 5 p.m. on March 9.

Absentee ballots may be requested by email to absentee@SarasotaVotes.com, by phone 941-861-8618, or by mail to: Kathy Dent, PO Box 4194, Sarasota, FL 34230-4194.

Written requests must include the following information:

- Name of voter
- Date of birth
- Current Sarasota residence address
- Address where you want your absentee ballot mailed

Under the new Florida law, one absentee ballot request will cover a voter through the next general election cycle only.

Voters who have questions may contact the supervisor of elections office at 861-8618 or visit the SOE Web site at www.SarasotaVotes.com.



5th Annual Christmas Display & Decorating Winners

- 1st place - 5516 Cedarwood
- 2nd place - 5403 Knollwood
- 3rd place - 5404 Knollwood

As in the past, the board attempted to pick different homes as winners from the previous year.

Household Hazardous Waste

In order to help protect the integrity of the environmental systems within Sarasota County, it is vital that we prevent illicit discharges and improper disposal of household hazardous wastes. Due to safety and cost, most household hazardous wastes are not collected curbside. Sarasota County operates three facilities where these materials may be delivered. Residents of Sarasota County may take accepted items generated from non-business related activities to one of the County's **Chemical Collection Centers** for safe disposal for no charge. Proof of residency may be required. See below for more details.

NOTE: Waste generated from a business, a non- or not-for-profit organization, community service or other entrepreneurial venture are not eligible for free disposal. These types of operations may enroll in Project Green Sweep for their disposal. See the [Project Green Sweep](#) page for further information.

Items accepted at these facilities include but are not limited to:

- hazardous waste
- toxic waste
- paints
- pesticides
- automotive products
- pool chemicals
- automotive batteries
- fertilizers
- fire extinguishers
- [fluorescent lamps \(and compact fluorescent lamps\)](#)
- gasoline
- cleaners
- lawn and garden chemicals
- paint thinner
- solvents
- rechargeable batteries
- cell phones
- electronics
- sharps (needles, lancets)
- [used motor oil](#)
- used or expired pharmaceuticals and medications

Sarasota County Cattlemen Road offices have relocated

Sarasota County government offices formerly located at 1301 Cattlemen Road have relocated to a county facility at 1001 Sarasota Center Blvd. in the Sarasota International Trade Center off Fruitville Road

The relocation included all Development Services functions, Utilities payments, the Sarasota County Health Department Environmental Health unit and Environmental Services functions.

These offices reopened for business in their new location Monday, Jan. 24.

The county will eventually redevelop the property at 1301 Cattlemen Road into a new transfer facility for Sarasota County Area Transit and an Emergency Operations Center that meets the community's needs.

Phone and fax numbers for the affected offices will remain the same after the relocation. For more information, call the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000

Our community website was developed to serve as an information portal for our neighborhood and our local community.

www.colonialgablesnews.net

Have you visited the new Colonial Gables website. Please let someone know your ideas of the website. If you have input for the website, please email them to colonialgables@yahoo.com

Newsletter Submissions

All articles, ads, and payments must be submitted by the 15th of each month. You can submit articles through the website or email rinkld@aol.com

Volunteering

Currently there is a need for newsletter delivery for the following areas, Hayden Blvd; Laurelwood Place; Winderwood and Sharondale Drive area. 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.

Turtle Beach Campground offers 'Last Minute Special' to Sarasota County residents

Sarasota County residents can now stay two consecutive nights for the price of one at Turtle Beach Campground on Siesta Key when they book the same day they want to stay. The "Last Minute Special" runs through March 1 and provides local residents the opportunity to enjoy camping right on the Gulf of Mexico. Guests must show proof of residency and stay on the same day they book the reservation and the following day.

"Turtle Beach Campground is one of only a handful of sites on the west coast of Florida that offers camping right on the beach," said Kristin Steffen of Sarasota County Parks and Recreation. "We hear all the time from county residents who say they never knew this great camping opportunity exists in their backyard."

Acquired by Sarasota County in 2006 to increase waterfront access for the public, Turtle Beach Campground has been a popular camping destination for seasonal visitors for decades. The campground can accommodate recreational vehicles (RVs) with full hookups and tent campers, and offers amenities like free Wi-Fi, laundry and shower facilities.

For more information and reservations, contact the Turtle Beach Campground at 941-349-3839 or visit the Turtle Beach Campground website at www.scgov.net/turtlebeachcampground.



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Newsletter Editor

Do you have an interest in working the Colonial Gables Homeowners Association Board to assist in creating the monthly newsletter?

This is a way for you to provide community service, working in the comfort of your own home. Contact Lori Rinker or any of the board members.

Colonial Gables News

February 2011 Edition



Upcoming Events and Items of interest

GENERAL MEETING - February 1, 2011 7:00 - 8:00p.m

Colonial Oaks Park – Room C -
5300 Colonial Oaks Blvd Sarasota 34232

**Presidents' Day -- Feb. 21, 2011 – (Schools & County Offices will be closed) **

County offices at 1301 Cattlemen have closed and are now located at 1001 Sarasota Center Blvd. Call 861-500 for more information.

Election for Board Members

Ken Jomisko announced after the May 2010 elections, he would serve one more year as a board member and President of the Colonial Gables Homeowners Association (CGHA).

Yes, already talking about the upcoming May 2011 elections, just over three months away. But now is the time for new volunteers to consider stepping up to take a position on the CGHA board. There is a need to continue the projects and improvements created by the current and past board members, to keep this a great neighborhood.

Please think about coming out to the next general meeting on Feb 1, 2011 to meet some of your neighbors and other interested folks. Share in the discussion concerning continued goals of the association. It is time to bring your ideas to continuing to keep Colonial Gables a wonderful place to live.

Can the CGHA board count on you being at the next meeting?

Colonial Gables Homeowners Association
Founded 1980

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5300 Colonial Oaks Blvd
Sarasota 34232
Room C

Feb 1, 2011
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

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