

CGHA Board Comments on the Honore Ave Project

1. Association board has received comments from the county commissioner concerning the appearance of Colonial Gables homes along Bee Ridge. The Colonial Gables Homeowners Association Board believed that the county should install some type of wall along Honore Ave. A wall along Honore Ave would address various issues, example of noise, appearance, and safety. It would force folks of all ages to cross Honore Ave where crosswalks can be clearly marked.

2. It was understood that yield signs would not be placed at each roadway entering into the roundabout.

3. Concern was raised about ensuring safety at the crosswalks for Brookmeade & Honore Ave. Many of the children of Colonial Gables will be required to walk to Brentwood Elementary since our area is under two miles to the school.

4. The question of speed was discussed and some folks are already calling for a lower speed limit. Looking at Beneva Road and Bahia Vista Street, the thirty mile per hour is poorly enforce, creates safety concerns. Creating this north-south connector between Bee Ridge and Webber, and to low of a speed limit. may only keep more traffic in within our neighborhood.

All residents that have concern with this project should attend the Next Public meeting – July 16th Time: 5–7 PM at the Bahia Vista Mennonite Church, 4041 Bahia Vista Street, Sarasota.

What is a Roundabout?

A modern roundabout is a transportation management tool that moves traffic through an intersection without the aid of traffic signals. It involves one-way traffic moving around a circular central island where entering traffic must yield to the traffic already in the roundabout. The objectives of roundabouts are to reduce traffic speeds and reduce the number and severity of crashes, while improving traffic flow. Roundabouts are designed to accommodate all sizes of vehicles.

A Roundabout is Not a Traffic Circle

Many people confuse modern roundabouts with traditional traffic circles or rotaries, such as those found in the Northeast. Three basic principles distinguish the modern roundabout from a traffic circle:

1. Modern roundabouts follow the “yield-at-entry” rule. Approaching vehicles must wait for a gap in the circulating flow before entering the circle. Many traffic circles require circulating vehicles to grant the right of way to entering vehicles. Some traffic circles also use stop signs or signals to control vehicle entry.
2. Modern roundabouts involve low speeds for entering and circulating traffic. Roundabouts are generally much smaller than traffic circles, which naturally causes drivers to reduce speed within the circle, thus reducing the likelihood of accidents.
3. Modern roundabouts eliminate other problems associated with traffic circles. In giving priority to entering vehicles, a traffic circle tends to lock up at higher volumes. The operation of a traffic circle is further compromised by the high speed environment in which large gaps are required for proper merging.

Holiday Safety Reminder

“We want everyone to have a safe Fourth of July and to remind everyone about fireworks safety,” said Sarasota County Fire Chief Brian Gorski.

Florida Statute 791 and Florida Administrative Code 5A-3 establishes the rules and guidelines for the sale and use of fireworks. Sarasota County also has adopted an ordinance that establishes a permitting process for their use in accordance to this statute and the Florida Administrative Code.

Fireworks can only be used for the following purposes:

Public display events for which a permit has been obtained.

Railroad or other transportation agencies for signal purposes or illumination.

Quarrying, blasting or other industrial use.

Blank cartridges used for show, theater or in ceremonial purposes for athletics or sport events.

Frightening birds from agricultural works and fish hatcheries. This is governed by the rules of Chapter 5-A-3 of the FAC.

Area fireworks:

Marina Jack Restaurant - 2 Marina Plaza - Sarasota July 4 ~ 8 P.M.

St. Pete - Fireworks at the Pier
July 4 at 1 p.m. - 11 P.M..

Independence Day ~ Channelside
July 4 at 9 P.M.. Fireworks

Treasure Island July 4 at 9 P.M.



Bulk Waste

Bulk waste is picked up for free on your collection day. Place waste at the curb.

- furniture (for sofa beds, call Waste Management at 941-493-4100 to schedule pick-up)
- mattresses and box springs (for king and queen size, call 941-493-4100 to schedule pick-up)
- push lawn mowers - remove and dispose of fluids properly
- barbecue grills - remove propane cylinder

Oversized Waste

Oversized waste is not picked up for free. You may call Waste Management at 941-493-4100, for the cost to have oversized waste picked up. Some examples of oversized items are below:

- basketball poles
- bathtubs
- Christmas trees over 6 feet tall
- construction debris (exceeding 4, 32-gallon containers)
- garage doors and openers
- large glass windows and tabletops
- large mirrors
- exercise equipment
- mailboxes on posts
- hot tubs or pools
- fencing (unprepared)
- picnic tables
- riding lawn mowers
- pianos and organs
- playground equipment
- sheds
- sliding glass doors
- tree debris that exceeds 40 pounds or is unprepared
- unprepared garbage where items are not canned, bagged or bundled
- vehicle seats

Sarasota County Call Center

A one stop phone number connects you to Sarasota County for all your needs. **941-861-5000** or visit www.scgov.net and follow the link for an online service request.

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



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July 2009 Events

2009 Suncoast Offshore Grand Prix Festival June 27 thru July 5, 2009
In affiliation with the Suncoast Super Boat Grand Prix Festival, join Main Street at Lakewood Ranch in Welcoming Captain Keith Colburn of the fishing vessel Wizard, as featured on Discovery Channel's No. 1 television series, "Deadliest Catch." **Jul 1, 2009 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm**
Please contact events@lakewoodranch.com for more information or to purchase tickets.

Suncoast Offshore Grand Prix Boat Race July 5, 2009
Location: Off Lido Beach (Between New Pass and Big Pass)

Freedom- a word we should not take lightly!! Don't miss this musical tribute commemorating our nation's independence during morning services on Sunday, July 5 at both campuses of Sarasota Baptist Church. . A special FREEDOM choir and band will celebrate, in song, our heritage of faith, the very thread of America's history. This will be a wonderful, patriotic day! Be sure to bring guests. Visit www.SarasotaBaptist.com for more details.

Celebrate Freedom. Concert on the 4th of JULY with Big D & The Good News Blues (the FULL BAND!) Everyone is welcome to this free event sponsored by Refuge Calvary Chapel



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PRESIDENTS REPORT

We will be replanting the planters at the Woodmont entrance on Saturday July 11th. We'd like to get an early start as it gets hot pretty quickly. Hopefully with some advanced notice we'll be able to get some volunteers. This will benefit everyone so try to make some time to help. We will be up there at 7:00 am. Coffee, donuts (or bagels) and water will be provided. Please bring your own tools. The more people who help the earlier we will get done.

We have some upcoming things that we can talk about as we work, such as the Honore Project. Please read the insert. I hope to see you there.

Thanks,
Ken Jomisko

.join the budget conversation

You can contribute to the discussion about the county budget for 2010 by taking Sarasota County's budget survey. The Sarasota County Commission and the Citizen's Budget Task Force are reviewing existing programs and services to make spending decisions for next year.

Since property tax revenues will be down more than 12 percent, your input is especially important as the Commission allocates limited revenue

<http://www.scgov.net/communityconnections/survey/survey.html>

You can take the survey through August, 2009. Results will be compiled and posted on the [county's Web site](http://www.scgov.net). Got questions about this tool? Contact communityconnections@scgov.net.

Colonial Gables
Homeowners Association
Founded 1980

GENERAL MEETINGS

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

**Next General Meeting –
Sept 1, 2009
7:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

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