



Upcoming Yard Sale

Colonial Gables Homeowners Association will sponsor a community yard sale. This will include advertisement in various publications for **March 23, 2013** from 8 AM to 1 PM.

Rain date March 30, 2013.

A listing of those yard sales that have made a donation will be listed in a master yard sale listing that will be provided to guests as they arrive, along with a map.

Please see the attached flyer for more information, or email Casey Martin (Vice President) or Lori Rinker (Treasurer/Secretary). Your information must be submitted by **March 8, 2013**



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Envelope Bunnies How-To

1. Seal the flap of an envelope, and draw bunny ears on the sealed side, as shown below. You can draw your own or use our [bunny ear template](#).
2. Cut along the line through both layers of the envelope.
3. Flip the envelope over; what was the side of the envelope becomes the bottom of your treat holder.
4. Cut pink construction paper to make eyes and insides of ears, and glue them on the front of the envelope. Use colored pencil for mouth; glue on a pom-pom nose. Fill with yummy Easter sweets.

Sarasota County facilities host free AARP tax help sites

Free tax help for quick filing of federal individual income tax returns is under way at some Sarasota County libraries and the Venice Community Center. Low to moderate income individuals of all ages are encouraged to bring their tax documents to one of the sites in Sarasota, Venice, Englewood and North Port. No appointment is required to visit a trained IRS-certified tax-aid volunteer.

Trained IRS-certified tax-aid volunteers will be at each location to provide free personal income tax assistance to eligible residents and older adults, regardless of annual income. Services include responding to questions; assisting eligible people, including older adults in filing their taxes; and reporting and receiving the benefit of all available and eligible credits including the Earned Income Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit.

The EITC allows eligible residents to receive refunds from the federal government to help with unplanned expenses, invest in skills training or start a business. The AARP Tax Aide Efile sites allow residents to electronically file their tax returns so they can receive any refund sooner. Generally, a refund can be posted to a person's bank account within nine to 16 days after the visit to the AARP Tax-Aide site.

The AARP's Tax Aide offers free tax preparation for low- or moderate-income taxpayers. Local residents eligible for the Earned Income Tax Credit or the Child Tax Credit are encouraged to avoid impulsive loan decisions by visiting local AARP Tax-Aide Sites. The AARP Tax Aide E-file sites allow residents to electronically file their tax returns so they can receive any refund sooner. There is an ongoing need for volunteers, especially those who are computer-literate, to staff designated AARP tax aide sites throughout Sarasota County during the tax season. Those who would like to volunteer to assist with this project should visit the national AARP Tax Aide website, www.AARPSarasota.org. or www.friendshipvolunteer.com.

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

Upcoming Sarasota County School events

Brentwood Elementary Spring Picture Day March 7th
Sarasota High School GRAD BASH '13 documents due by March 8th.

All schools

Spring Break March 11 - 15th
End of Third Grading Period March 28
Professional Day - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS March 29th



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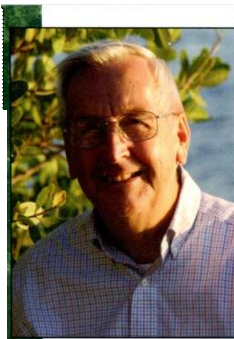


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Improving our Community

In a quick search of the internet, there seems to currently be an estimated twenty plus homes FOR SALE, within the Colonial Gables. This does not even account for the number of ongoing foreclosures. Looking at property values, reviewed a home that was recently sold within Colonial Gables, at a price of \$ 160,000 back on 10/17/2012. In January 2005, this same home sold for \$225,000. The point, as a homeowner, would recommend we all need to assist in making this an outstanding neighborhood. While we don't live in a deed restricted community, recommend that all residents need to follow these Sarasota County polices:

- Place waste in closed garbage cans, plastic bags, or tied bundles
- Each can, bag or bundle should weigh no more than 40 pounds
- Each bundle should be no more than 4' long and 18" wide
- Unprepared items or items weighing more than 40 pounds require a special pick up and separate disposal fee. Call 493-4100 for price quote.
- Items should be at the curb by 6:00 a.m. on your collection day
- *Items should be placed at the curb no earlier than 5:00 p.m. the day before collection and empty containers removed by 10:00 a.m. the day after collection and stored inside the garage, beside or behind the house.*
- Disabled residents who supply the hauler with a physician's note may have both rear door garbage and recycling service provided at no charge. The physician's note must be renewed annually.

By following these practices, this can assist in making our neighborhood more desirable and assist with increasing our property values.

Colonial Gables
Homeowners Association
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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

March 5, 2013 - 7:00 PM
Call for location

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