

City of Fort Lauderdale Civic Packet

August 2010

This Civic Packet contains news and information about events and programs available to residents, businesses and visitors in the City of Fort Lauderdale.

The Regular City Commission meeting for August has been set for 6p, Tuesday, August 17, 2010.

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Go Green! Sign Up for Free E-billing

The City of Fort Lauderdale is getting greener, and now you can too! The City is pleased to offer a new easy, efficient, and eco-friendly service for utilities customers: e-billing.

E-billing is a free service that replaces paper bills with electronic bills that can be viewed online. City of Fort Lauderdale utilities customers can now sign up to receive an e-bill, which saves resources, reduces waste, and provides customers with the opportunity to access their billing information 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at their own convenience.

Customers who sign up for e-billing will receive an e-mail each month notifying them that their bill is available. The e-mail will include a link directing customers to the Utility Billing login page where they will be prompted to enter their e-mail address or account number and PIN number. Once logged in, they will be able to view their bill.

If after trying the e-billing service customers decide they prefer a paper bill, the e-billing service can be cancelled by contacting a Utility Billing customer service representative at 954-828-5150 or utilitybilling@fortlauderdale.gov.

To sign up for e-billing, please visit www.fortlauderdale.gov/utilitybilling and complete the online web form or call Utility Billing at 954-828-5150.

For more information about the City's new e-billing service, please visit www.fortlauderdale.gov/utilitybilling to view a copy of the E-billing Questions and Answers or contact the Utility Billing Office at 954-828-5150 or utilitybilling@fortlauderdale.gov.

Fort Lauderdale Kicks Off 57th Annual David Deal Playday

Enjoy a Fun-Filled Week for the Entire Family

The City of Fort Lauderdale Parks and Recreation Department, in partnership with Broward County Parks and Recreation and the Fort Lauderdale Church of God, will celebrate the 57th Annual David Deal Playday with a series of events beginning Saturday, July 31 through Wednesday, August 4. All events, with the exception of the Championship Swim Meet, will take place at Joseph C. Carter Park, located at 1450 W. Sunrise Boulevard in Fort Lauderdale. All Playday events are free and open to the public.

The 57th Annual David Deal Playday event schedule includes:

Joy in the Park

Saturday, July 31, 2010 – 12p to 8p

Joy in the Park will feature live music including national gospel artists. The event also includes a free, educational health fair, children's entertainment, rib cook-off and much more.

Championship Swim Meet

Saturday, July 31, 2010 – 11a to 2p

Fort Lauderdale Aquatic Complex, 501 Seabreeze Boulevard

Tri-county summer swim leagues are invited to compete in freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke, butterfly and team relays. Registration deadline is July 23.

David Deal Playday Kids Day

Wednesday, August 4, 2010 – 9a - 3p

Let the games begin! Olympic sports, novelty competitions, table games, wacky water sports are just a few of the activities planned. Prizes will be awarded all day for the best competitors. Free admission. Groups must pre-register.

Teen 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament

Tuesday, August 3 and Wednesday, August 4, 2010 – 3p to 6p

Come as a team or make one when you get here! High-energy hoops only for the serious ball player. Ages 13-17. To register, call (954) 828-4592.

Teen Splash Party

Wednesday, August 4, 2010 – 3:30p to 6p

Come make a splash while enjoying hot music and cool pool activities.

Legacy Tribute at the Jazz Café

Wednesday, August 4, 2010 – 6p to 8p

Enjoy cool jazz and hot art as we pay tribute to the trailblazers who helped make Playday what it is today.

Boxing Under the Stars

Wednesday, August 4, 2010 – 7p to 11p

South Florida's most talented boxers are vying for their titles at the inaugural Boxing Under the Stars event presented in partnership with the Carter Park Contenders Boxing Club and the Florida Gold Coast Boxing Association.

For more information on the 57th Annual David Deal Playday, please call the Playday hotline at (954) 828-4759 or visit www.fortlauderdale.gov/life.

SunTrust Sunday Jazz Brunch

The SunTrust Sunday Jazz Brunch is an ideal way to relax and enjoy Fort Lauderdale's scenic Riverwalk from Esplanade Park to Riverfront. Listen to the soulful sounds of outstanding local jazz artists on four stages from 11a to 2p on the first Sunday of each month. The scheduled performers for Sunday, August 1, are:

Esplanade Stage – William Penn House and Trilogy Connie Hoffmann
Gazebo – Othello
Peck Courtyard – Tom Lippincott
Las Olas Riverfront Stage – Dixie Dawgs Trio

The Broward Center is now offering a new addition to the SunTrust Sunday Jazz Brunch: a delectable buffet in the Peck Courtyard for \$19.95 per person. For reservations, please call the Broward Center at (954) 462-0222.

The SunTrust Sunday Jazz Brunch is produced by the City of Fort Lauderdale and is sponsored by SunTrust, Ed Morse Bayview Cadillac, the Broward Center for the Performing Arts, Las Olas Riverfront, News 610 WIOD and 93.9 WMIA. For more information, please call our 24-hour event hotline at (954) 828-5363 or visit www.fortlauderdale.gov/life.

Starlight Musicals Series Final Program Set for Friday, August 6

Join us for the final Bank of America Starlight Musicals on Friday, August 6, from 7p to 10p, as Jimmy Stowe and the Stowaways help us say farewell to summertime with the familiar sounds of tropical rock and Jimmy Buffet!

This free, outdoor concert series is held on the football fields in Holiday Park, located at 1300 E. Sunrise Boulevard. Residents and visitors are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, picnic baskets, family and friends to the park for live entertainment under the stars.

For more information, please call our 24-hour hotline at (954) 828-5363 or visit www.fortlauderdale.gov/life.

Lauderdale Manors Summer Sizzler

Come join the community block party with a purpose! Lauderdale Manors Park is hosting their Summer Sizzler series the last Saturday of each month, July 31 and August 28, from 12p to 5p, at 1340 Chateau Park Drive. This family friendly event includes live music, games, cookouts and more!

The Lauderdale Manors Summer Sizzler is sponsored by the City of Fort Lauderdale, the Teen Alliance Coalition, Restoring Grace Community Church, Mount Olive Development Corporation, and SAMHSA and Strategic Community Services. For more information, call (954) 828-5414 or visit www.fortlauderdale.gov/life.

Fort Lauderdale Names Susan Gillis as Historian for Centennial Celebration

Local Historical Expert and Author Hired to Work with Centennial Celebration Committee to Raise Awareness and Educate Residents

The City of Fort Lauderdale, in anticipation of commemorating its 100th birthday in 2011, has retained Susan Gillis as the historical research consultant for the celebration.

Gillis has more than 30 years experience as an expert on local lore, working as a curator, archivist and consultant at various local cultural facilities, including the Fort Lauderdale Historical Society, Stranahan House and Bonnet House. She has authored four books and co-authored another on Fort Lauderdale's history.

"I am delighted to be working with the Fort Lauderdale Centennial Celebration Committee," said Gillis. "I believe that sharing history is key to building community and I look forward to helping bring our City's past to life and celebrating all that we have accomplished."

Gillis will work with the city's Centennial Celebration Committee to preserve, recreate and promote Fort Lauderdale's history through research, as well as spearheading several educational initiatives throughout 2011.

Among the many events planned to pay tribute to the past century will be a series of traveling "centennial exhibits" walking tours, state heritage markers and speaker presentations.

"Ms. Gillis brings a wealth of knowledge and serves as an excellent resource to help tell the story of our City's beginnings as a trading post, to its present-day status as one of America's most popular tourist destinations," said Mayor Seiler. "She is uniquely qualified and will provide a diverse, comprehensive and accurate historic account of the past century."

The Centennial Celebration Committee has been gathering input from residents, businesses and local organizations to create a celebration that pays tribute to Fort Lauderdale's past, present and future.

The Committee is comprised of 21 Fort Lauderdale residents with ties to the local business, historical, educational and cultural communities. Committee members will draw on their diverse backgrounds and areas of expertise to plan an inclusive commemoration that appeals to residents, businesses and visitors.

For more information, please visit <http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/centennial>.

City of Fort Lauderdale Selects Internationally Renowned Pop Artist Charles Fazzino as Official Artist to Commemorate 100th Anniversary in 2011

Charles Fazzino's Commemorative Painting To Celebrate Ten Decades of Diverse History of Fort Lauderdale

The City Commission has selected internationally renowned Pop Artist Charles Fazzino as the Official Artist to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the City of Fort Lauderdale in 2011. Charles Fazzino will create a signature Centennial painting that will celebrate Fort Lauderdale's, past, present and future.

Mayor Jack Seiler is excited that Charles Fazzino will be the Official Artist of Fort Lauderdale's Centennial celebration, "His festive style is uniquely suited to celebrate the magic of Fort Lauderdale and capture the past ten decades of this City's rich and diverse history."

Charles Fazzino stated, "I am honored to have been selected as the Official Artist to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the City of Fort Lauderdale in 2011. I am thrilled that I will be able to commemorate the very exciting history and diversity of Fort Lauderdale. It is my hope that residents, businesses, and visitors alike, will share in the celebration and excitement of Fort Lauderdale's 100th birthday through my artwork."

To learn more about the Centennial Celebration, visit the City for Fort Lauderdale website at www.fortlauderdale.gov or call the Centennial Celebration Committee staff liaison, Shannon Vezina, at (954) 828-4743.

About the Centennial

In planning for this momentous historic milestone, the Centennial Celebration Committee has been gathering input from residents, businesses and local organizations. The Centennial celebration will showcase Fort Lauderdale's rich cultural heritage through a series of exciting events and educational programs that pay tribute to Fort Lauderdale's past, present and future.

The Committee is in the process of finalizing their recommendations for a yearlong citywide celebration. They plan to present their recommendations of events and activities to the City Commission before September.

Residents are encouraged to participate in the Centennial by sending an email with their ideas and suggestions to centennial@fortlauderdale.gov.

About Charles Fazzino

Charles Fazzino– one of the most popular artists in the world – is the Official Artist of the 2010 President's Challenge for President Barak Obama's President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports.

Charles Fazzino is an officially licensed artist of the 2010 MLB All-Star Game, as well as Super Bowl XLV. He has recently been commissioned to be the official artist of the 2010 Seminole Hard Rock Winterfest Boat Parade.

Charles Fazzino has also recently created official artwork for high profile events, including: NASCAR Sprint Cup series, NHL All-Star Game, Belmont Stakes, Daytona 500, Indy 500, Andy Roddick Charity Gala, U.S. Tennis Foundation, CMA Awards, Grammy Awards, NBC's "Today" Summer Concert Series, The Stephen Siller Children's (9-11) Foundation Every Child Matters Gala, Rosie O'Donnell's For All Kids Foundation and the President William J. Clinton Presidential Foundation, among many others.

Charles Fazzino's artwork can be viewed at www.fazzino.com

City Begins Warning Period for Red-Light Photo Enforcement Program

The City of Fort Lauderdale's red-light photo-enforcement program will begin issuing Notices of Violation to red-light runners at designated intersections beginning August 8, 2010. The cameras are being installed as part of the City's effort to use technology to deter red light runners.

During a six-year period, between 2004 and 2009, traffic crashes occurring at signal controlled intersections in the City of Fort Lauderdale resulted in 26 fatalities. Red-light accidents often are among the worst because they generally involve vehicles crashing directly into the driver or passenger side of another vehicle at high speeds.

The photo-enforcement cameras are scheduled for installation at the following intersections:

- N. Federal Highway at N.E. 8th Street
- N.E. 15th Avenue at E. Sunrise Boulevard (planned)
- S.R. 84 at S.W. 9th Avenue
- W. Sunrise Boulevard at N.W. 15th Avenue
- W. Commercial Boulevard at N.W. 21st Avenue
- S. Federal Highway at S.R. 84
- N.W. 62nd Street at N.W. 9th Avenue (planned)
- W. Commercial Boulevard at N.W. 9th Avenue
- N.W. 62nd Street at N.W. 31st Avenue (planned)

Cameras will operate 24-hours a day and capture images of every vehicle running a red light at the intersection. Warning signs will alert drivers to the red-light cameras.

The Mark Wandall Traffic Safety Program was passed by the Florida Legislature and approved by the Governor on May 13, 2010. The new law, effective July 1, 2010, includes the following components:

- Authorizes the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, a county, or a municipality to use a traffic infraction detector to identify a motor vehicle that fails to stop at a traffic control signal steady red light;
- Requires authorization of a traffic infraction enforcement officer to issue and enforce a citation for such violation;
- Establishes a fine of \$158 for a violation of s. 316.074(1) or s. 316.075(1)(c)1 when a driver has failed to stop at a traffic signal if enforcement is by a county or municipal traffic infraction enforcement officer;
- Requires notification to be sent to the registered owner of the motor vehicle involved in the violation;
- A county or municipality may use traffic infraction detectors to enforce Florida State Statutes 316.074(1) or 316.075(1)(c)1 when a driver fails to stop at a traffic signal on streets and highways under their jurisdiction under state statute 316.0083.
- The owner of the motor vehicle involved in the violation is responsible and liable for paying the uniform traffic citation issued for a violation of s. 316.074(1) or s.316.075(1)(c)1 when the driver failed to stop at a traffic signal, unless the owner can establish the following:
 - The motor vehicle passed through the intersection in order to yield right-of-way to an emergency vehicle or as part of a funeral procession;
 - The motor vehicle passed through the intersection at the direction of a law enforcement officer;
 - The motor vehicle was, at the time of the violation, in the care, custody, or control of another person; or,
 - A uniform traffic citation was issued by a law enforcement officer to the driver of the motor vehicle for the alleged violation of s. 316.074(1) or s.316.075(1)(c)1.

American Traffic Solutions, Inc., was contracted by the City of Fort Lauderdale to administer the program. Each violation will be reviewed and approved by the Fort Lauderdale Police Department prior to a citation being issued.

For more information about the red-light enforcement program, visit www.FLPD.org.

Make Your “Back to School” Routine an Eco-Friendly Shopping Adventure

In just a few weeks, children will be heading back to the classroom, which means they, along with their parents, will be creating their back to school supplies lists. Students will need the standard items such as backpacks, paper, notebooks, pens, pencils, and lunch boxes, most of which are now made from recycled materials.

Back to school shopping is a perfect time to Green Your Routine by purchasing recycled or recyclable products, or reusing products you already have. By turning your back to school shopping spree into an eco-friendly adventure you will make a significant environmental difference and the footprints you leave behind will be greener.

Green Your “Back to School Shopping” Routine

By purchasing eco-friendly, recycled-content products you are closing the recycling loop. Your purchases not only set an example for your children to follow, but speak volumes about your environmental priorities. Here are a few tips to help you Green Your “Shopping” Routine:

- Bring along reusable shopping bags for your purchased items.
- Read the fine print on the product labels. Recycled product manufacturers often display the universal recycling logo or a reference to “going green.”
- Make a goal of purchasing products with a minimum of 30 percent post-consumer recycled material such as plastic, paper, etc.
- Purchase school supplies wrapped with minimal packaging; use compact or concentrated products; or buy products that come in bulk sizes.
- Purchase vegetable or plant-based dyes, soybean oil-based crayons and water-based paints and poster paints for craft projects.
- Purchase rechargeable batteries for electronic devices.
- Purchase notebooks and paper supplies made of post-consumer recycled paper and ones with cardboard versus plastic covers.

Green Your “Writing” Routine

Did you know that 14 billion environmentally unfriendly pencils are produced and discarded each year? Have you ever thought about what goes into creating standard back-to-school pencils? Trees need to be cut down to supply the wood to create the pencil and then graphite is inserted inside of it so you can write with it.

Unfortunately, much of the wood the pencil is made with is wasted on sharpening or it is tossed away because the pencil becomes too short to write with.

When shopping for school supplies this year, instead of choosing the standard wood pencil, switch to recycled-content pens and pencils. It’s a small purchase that can make a big difference. Here are a few more tips to help you Green Your “Writing” Routine:

- Select mechanical pencils as an alternative to a standard wooden pencil. They are refillable and 100 percent of the graphite is used.
- If you prefer wooden pencils, select those made from recycled cedar, denim or outdated currency, or those that are certified by the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC).
- Purchase refillable pens, non-toxic markers, highlighters, and computer printer cartridges.
- Purchase pens made with recyclable plastic such as CD cases and disposable plastic cups.
- Purchase 100 percent natural rubber erasers.

Green Your “Lunch” Routine

Many children enjoy a packed lunch and it can be an eco-conscious meal that saves money. In addition, packed lunches can make good use of reusable, recycled products. Here are a few tips to help you Green Your “Lunch” Routine:

- Pack a no-waste lunch in a reusable lunch box or bag.
- Purchase a washable, reusable PVC-free, thermally insulated lunch bag or container such as one made from recycled juice boxes or organic cotton.
- Use reusable containers instead of food storage bags or plastic wrap for sandwiches and snacks.
- Use a reusable metal water bottle or thermos instead of drink boxes and disposable plastic water bottles.

Green Your “Paper” Routine

Students are sent home with new information about after school activities, educational updates, programs and activities, and graded homework assignments. In addition, students go through pounds of paper each year. Making paper requires millions of trees to be destroyed and billions of gallons of oil to produce it. The daily flow of paper generated for school related purposes alone could generate a lot of waste. Here are a few tips to help you Green Your “Paper” Routine:

- Ask if teachers will accept assignments via email.
- Buy recycled paper products (loose leaf paper, index cards, paper pocket folders, dividers, etc.) that contain the highest percentage of post-consumer recycled content possible, that is processed chlorine free (PCF), and that is FSC certified or made from trees in a sustainable managed forest.
- Put small recycling bins in various areas of your home, especially the homework area to recycle unwanted paper.
- Print on both sides of paper whenever possible.
- Save paper that is only used on one side to print drafts. You may also staple several pages together to make a notebook for notes, etc.
- Take advantage of the City of Fort Lauderdale’s Hungry Green Dumpster Recycling program to recycle items such as cereal boxes, clean pizza boxes, copy paper, junk mail, large corrugated cardboard, magazines and catalogues, and school and home office paper (any color). Hungry Green Dumpsters are located at many Fort Lauderdale schools. For more information visit www.fortlauderdale.gov/recycle or contact the 24-Hour Customer Service Center at 954-828-8000 or online at www.fortlauderdale.gov/customerservice.

What Not to Flush: Tips for Protecting Your Sanitary Sewer System

After you wash your hands, do your laundry, or flush your toilet, the used water from your home or business drains into the City’s sanitary sewer system, which consists of 570 miles of underground pipe and 201 wastewater pump stations. The sanitary sewer system transports wastewater to the George T. Lohmeyer (GTL) Wastewater Treatment Plant. At GTL, the wastewater is treated through various processes and pumped into underground injection wells.

The City’s sanitary sewer and treatment systems are essential to the protection of our precious South Florida water resources. When improper items are disposed of down the toilet, sewage backups can occur on your property, which are expensive to repair and unpleasant to clean up. It can also result in operational problems at the wastewater treatment plant and costly repairs to the sanitary sewer system. You can

help protect the City's sanitary sewer system by never flushing the following items down the toilet:

- Aquarium gravel or cat litter
- Disposable wipes
- Paints, thinners, etc.
- Bandages
- Feminine hygiene products
- Plastic items, any kind
- Cigarette butts
- Grease and cooking oil
- Rags and towels
- Cleaning sponges
- Household cleaners
- Rubber items (e.g.: latex gloves)
- Cotton balls and swabs
- Insects or pesticides
- Toys
- Diapers
- Leftover food
- Underwear
- Disposable toilet brushes
- Mold and mildew remover
- Unused medications

For more information, please contact the 24-Hour Customer Service Center at 954-828-8000 or online at www.fortlauderdale.gov/customerservice.

Community Appearance Board Announces June 'WOW Award' Winner

The WOW Award for June 2010 was presented to Teresa and Calvin Brown, who are residents of the Dorsey-Riverbend neighborhood, which is located in Commission District III.

Teresa and Calvin have lived in Florida since 1968. They purchased their home in the Dorsey-Riverbend neighborhood in 1992, and since moving in, they have made numerous upgrades to it. Teresa and Calvin added a patio area where they enjoy sitting on their canopy-covered swing or relaxing while listening to the water falling from the three-tier water fountain with family and friends.

In addition, they added a barrel tile roof and installed a circular driveway with decorative pavers in the front and on the side of the house, achieving a classic look, while providing convenience and ease of access.

Calvin, who owns his own contracting business, applied the eye-catching stucco siding to the exterior walls. The use of earthy colors and window accents transformed this traditional house into a beautiful contemporary style home.

The landscaping was re-done to include Hawaiian and Triple Palms, Hibiscus and other native plants. A variegated hedge surrounding the front enhances the landscape and the character of their residence.

Teresa and Calvin's home sits on a corner lot, which provides neighbors and visitors multiple views of the extensive efforts they have put into the upgrade, renovation, and landscape design of their home.

The Fort Lauderdale City Commission and the Community Appearance Board proudly presented the June WOW Award to Teresa and Calvin and thanked them for enhancing their community and the City of Fort Lauderdale.

To view a photo of Teresa and Calvin's home, please visit http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/neighborhoods/wow_awards.htm

Community Appearance Board Announces July 'WOW Award' Winner

The WOW Award for July 2010 was presented to Jackie Higgins, who is a resident of Commission District IV.

Jackie is a master gardener and a member of the Rare Fruit Council, which is evident to those passing by her home, as they will quickly notice the captivating, enticing, and beautiful garden surrounding it. More importantly, Jackie's garden was recognized as a Certified Wildlife Habitat by the National Wildlife Federation, which is a prestigious designation that recognizes those that create healthy and sustainable habitats that offer food and safe harbor for wildlife and insects.

Jackie dreamed of having a garden as a child, and after spending 17 years living in a condominium that denied plants, animals, and birds, her dream became a reality. She happily refers to her "garden of eaten" as a wonderful mix of ornamental and edible landscaping, and a place where all are welcome.

Over the past 15 years Jackie's garden has evolved to include plantings such as Butterfly Bushes nestled amongst peach laden trees and broccoli, which turtles happily nibble on.

Jackie enthusiastically shares her garden with neighbors, strangers, foxes, birds, butterflies, turtles, and more. She hopes it brings joy to all those lucky enough to see it while traveling on Riverland Road.

The Fort Lauderdale City Commission and the Community Appearance Board proudly presented the July WOW Award to Jackie and thanked her for enhancing her community and the City of Fort Lauderdale.

To view a photo of Jackie's home, please visit http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/neighborhoods/wow_awards.htm

WOW Award Recognizes Stellar Fort Lauderdale Properties

If you see a house that makes you stop and say "WOW," or you think your house has the "WOW" factor, nominate it for a monthly WOW award. The Community Appearance Board recognizes residential properties throughout the City that contribute to the aesthetic appeal of the neighborhood through its WOW Award Program. Board members nominate homes for a WOW award; however, residents

may also nominate their homes or a neighbor's home for an award. Nominations may be for landscaping, renovation, property maintenance, overall exterior beauty and style, and neighborhood enhancement.

If a property is selected as a WOW winner, the homeowner will receive special recognition at a City Commission meeting, a gift certificate from a program sponsor, and a WOW Winner yard sign to display on their property. The owner's home will also be featured on Channel 78, the City's government access cable station, and possibly be featured in local and City publications.

For more information about the WOW Award Program or to nominate a home for an award, please visit www.fortlauderdale.gov/neighborhoods. Nominations can be made online!

Community Appearance Board Seeks New Members to Recognize Stellar Properties in the City of Fort Lauderdale

The City of Fort Lauderdale's Community Appearance Board (CAB) is a City Advisory Board that was established in 1978. The CAB is comprised of City Commission appointed members who play an integral role in recognizing Fort Lauderdale home and business owners who take pride in their properties and strive to maintain and improve them for the betterment of the City. The board members are dedicated to developing, implementing and promoting programs and initiatives that improve and enhance the City's overall community appearance.

Currently, there are positions available on the board for new members. If you are interested in getting more involved with your City and making a difference in the overall enhancement of its neighborhoods, considering joining the CAB. Board membership provides you with the chance to learn more about your City and its Commissioners, meet those who have a vested interest in its future, offers networking opportunities, and gives you the opportunity to learn more about the operations of City government.

The CAB members serve one-year terms and meet on a monthly basis. During their meetings, board members select properties deserving of a WOW Award, which is an award presented to a homeowner at each City Commission meeting who demonstrates the values and guidelines set forth by the board regarding the appearance, improvement and/or maintenance of his or her property.

During the monthly meetings the CAB members also coordinate plans for the annual Community Appearance Awards event, which recognizes homeowners, homeowners associations, architects, developers and builders in a variety of categories for new construction and renovation projects

If you are interested in becoming a City of Fort Lauderdale Community Appearance Board member, please visit www.fortlauderdale.gov/clerk/boards.htm to download an advisory board application. If you have questions about board membership, please visit or call 954-828-7843 or e-mail cab@fortlauderdale.gov.

To learn more about the WOW Award or the Community Appearance Awards programs, please visit <http://fortlauderdale.gov/neighborhoods/index.htm>.

City's Drinking Water Meets All Primary Drinking Water Standards

Each year, the Environmental Protection Agency requires all water suppliers in the United States, including the City of Fort Lauderdale, to provide a summary report on laboratory tests conducted on its drinking water. The City's report is generated from the approximately 100,000 tests it performs on its drinking water per year in state-certified laboratories, which include daily bacterial and chemical tests on finished water, weekly bacteriological tests of water in the distribution system, quarterly testing of water supply wells, and annual tests of all regulated and unregulated drinking water parameters

The 2009 Water Quality Report provides a summary of the annual test results, as well as information about the drinking water Fort Lauderdale delivers to your tap every day. The City is pleased to announce that your drinking water meets all primary drinking water standards.

The City of Fort Lauderdale has been providing water to the community since 1926. We process approximately 42 million gallons of water per day and are committed to continually improving the water treatment process, protecting our water resources and providing our customers with a clean, dependable supply of high quality drinking water.

For more information about the 2009 Water Quality Report or to get a copy, please contact the 24-Hour Customer Service Center at (954) 828-8000 or online at www.fortlauderdale.gov/customerservice. The report may also be downloaded from the City's web site at www.fortlauderdale.gov.

Sign Up For CodeRED™ Because Seconds Count in an Emergency!

The City of Fort Lauderdale encourages residents and business owners to register for CodeRED™, a high-speed telephone notification system that delivers emergency information to registered phone numbers. In the event of a hurricane, utility outage, water main break, terrorist incident, or other crisis, the City will activate CodeRED™ to send emergency notifications to registered users.

Residents and business owners can sign up for CodeRED™ in one of two ways:

- Visit the City of Fort Lauderdale's website at www.fortlauderdale.gov and click on the CodeRED® picture at the bottom of the page.
- Contact the City of Fort Lauderdale 24-Hour Customer Service Center at 954-828-8000 or online at www.fortlauderdale.gov/customerservice.

Information provided is kept confidential. Individuals who have already registered for the service but would like to update their phone number can do so by reregistering. There is no fee to register for or to participate in the service.

When CodeRED™ distributes an emergency notification, the City's Customer Service phone number, 954-828-8000, appears on the caller ID. The system then delivers a message to the person answering the call or leaves a message on an answering

machine or voicemail service. The system makes three attempts to connect to a registered number.

CodeRED™ notifications cannot be delivered to phone numbers with a privacy lock feature. To ensure messages are received, residents should either turn off the privacy lock feature during emergencies, enter 954-828-8000 on their “safe list” of phone numbers, or enter a cell phone number when registering for the service.

For more information about registering for the City’s CodeRED™ notification system, please contact the 24-hour Customer Service Center at 954-828-8000 or online at www.fortlauderdale.gov/customerservice.

Apply for Capital Improvement Program Grant Funds

The City of Fort Lauderdale is accepting applications for the 2011 Neighborhood Capital Improvement Program (NCIP) and the Business Capital Improvement Program (BCIP) grant cycle now through September 24, 2010. Applications and program booklets are available on the City’s website at www.fortlauderdale.gov/neighborhoods.

NCIP/BCIP Grant Schedule

The current grant cycle for the NCIP/BCIP runs through September 24, 2010. Neighborhoods are encouraged to apply for up to \$35,000 of matching grant funds and business associations are encouraged to apply for up to \$22,500 of matching grant funds to enhance their communities.

NCIP/BCIP Workshops

Grant Orientation Workshops for the NCIP/BCIP process will take place on Monday, July 12, 2010 and Wednesday, July 14, 2010, from 6p to 8p, at George English Park, located at 1101 Bayview Drive in Fort Lauderdale. The workshops will provide neighborhoods and business associations with information about the programs and assistance with the application process. Those interested in applying for a grant are encouraged to attend one of the informative workshops.

A Technical Assistance Workshop is scheduled for Tuesday, July 20, 2010, from 6p to 8p, at George English Park. This workshop is geared toward providing information and assistance with preparing project proposals and costs.

About the NCIP/BCIP

The Fort Lauderdale City Commission established the NCIP/BCIP programs to enhance the quality of life in our neighborhoods. The goal of these programs is to provide matching grant funds for the construction of capital improvements that beautify neighborhoods and enhance the quality of life for those who live, work and visit the City of Fort Lauderdale.

If you have any questions about the programs, or if you would like to receive a grant application, please contact Sheri Roberts at 954-828-6656 or sheriroberts@fortlauderdale.gov.

Reminder: Please Don't Litter

Everyone deserves to live in a community that's healthy, safe, clean, and beautiful. And everyone can help to achieve this. Even you. Please don't litter.



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