

City of Fort Lauderdale Civic Packet

July 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 July has been set for 6p, Wednesday, July 7, 2010.

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Special Events for July 2010

July is National Parks and Recreation Month! Join us at one of our many upcoming events to enjoy all the benefits that your local Parks and Recreation Department has to offer!

Starlight Musicals – Each Friday in July

The 32nd Annual Bank of America Starlight Musicals Concert Series takes place each Friday in July from 7p to 10p. This free, outdoor concert series takes place 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. Starlight Musicals will feature an exciting lineup of bands ranging from rhythm and blues to tropical rock. The lineup for July includes:

- July 2 – Higher Ground (Motown)
- July 9 – Curbstone (50s, 60s, 70s and Beyond)
- July 16 – Brass Evolution (10-piece Show Band)
- July 23 – Mary Washington Brooks (Blues)
- July 30 – Viva Classic Rock 'n' Roll (Classic Rock)

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

SunTrust Sunday Jazz Brunch

Celebrate the Fourth of July at the 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 - 2p on the first Sunday of each month. The scheduled performers for Sunday, July 4, are:

Esplanade Stage – Opp Bop Sh'Bam
Connie Hoffmann Gazebo – Ike and Val Woods
Peck Courtyard – Gerry Coe
Las Olas Riverfront Stage – Samba Brazil

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.

Fourth of July Spectacular

Celebrate America's Independence on Fort Lauderdale Beach with the Fourth of July Spectacular! The celebration will include a full day of family activities on Fort Lauderdale Beach across from the Oasis Café, located at 600 Seabreeze Boulevard:

11a - 3p Family beach activities featuring music, games and contests

6p - 9p Live musical entertainment

9p Fireworks

As the sun goes down, watch the sky light up with the City's annual fireworks presentation at 9p. off of A1A and Las Olas Boulevard. Don't miss this pyrotechnic show!

For more information, call (954) 828-5363 or visit www.fortlauderdale.gov/life

Irish Family Summer Picnic

Celebrate Irish heritage and tradition at the Irish Family Summer Picnic on Saturday, July 10 from 12p - 5p at Snyder Park, located at 3299 S.W. 4th Avenue in Fort Lauderdale.

Enjoy food, non-alcoholic beverages, Irish entertainment and live music. Children's activities include bounce houses, clowns, pony rides and more. Tickets are only \$10 for adults and \$5 for children, which include food, beverages and parking. Beer and wine will be available for purchase for only \$2.

This event is the first in a series of fundraisers for the 2011 Fort Lauderdale St. Patrick's Day Parade and Festival. To purchase tickets, please call (954) 828-5362 or (954) 828-4340. For more information, please visit www.ftlaudirishfest.com.

USTA National Boys' 14 Clay Court Championships

The City of Fort Lauderdale will host the 2010 USTA National Boys' 14 Clay Court Championships, July 18-25, at the Jimmy Evert Tennis Center, located at 701 N.E. 12th Avenue in Fort Lauderdale. This is the premier tournament in the United States for boys ages 14 and under.

The USTA National Boys' 14 Clay Court Championships consists of a 192-player singles draw with a feed-in consolation and a 96-team doubles draw with no consolation. Singles and doubles events begin on Sunday, July 18.

The Jimmy Evert Tennis Center is the City of Fort Lauderdale's premier tennis facility and is recognized as one of the nation's finest. Its rich and distinguished history includes providing outstanding programming and tennis instruction to thousands of youth and adults and contributing to the development of numerous tennis professionals, such as Chris Evert and Jennifer Capriati.

For more information about the 2010 USTA National Boys 14' Clay Court Championships, please call (954) 828-5378 or visit www.fortlauderdale.gov/tennis.

Featured Recreational Programs

Browse our recreational offerings online!

For a complete listing of our recreational offerings, please visit our Recreational Programs page at <http://fortlauderdale.gov/life/guides.htm>. Here you can download guides for each of our community centers, which lists current recreational programming. You may also browse and download our latest activity flyers and find fitness programs for all ages!

Register Now for Summer Camp and Learn to Swim Classes

Our summer community camps are action-packed with playtime, creative expression and friendly competition. Children will express their imagination with arts and crafts. Sports and fitness activities will encourage strength, coordination and teamwork, while swimming activities will have kids making a splash. Field trips will also be offered as part of our fun-focused camp! Many of our programs fill quickly, so register early to secure your spot!

Jump in this summer and Learn to Swim! Learn to Swim classes are now being offered at our conveniently located community pools. Our aquatic safety program follows the American Red Cross Learn to Swim curriculum. Classes are offered in two-week sessions for ages 6 months to adult. Register now and become a responsible swimmer!

For more information on summer camp or Learn to Swim programs, please call (954) 828-PARK (7275) or visit www.fortlauderdale.gov/summer.

Join Your Local Swim Team!

Come swim with the Bass Park Piranhas, the Carter Park Stingrays, the Croissant Park Dolphins, the Lauderdale Manors Sharks or the Riverland Park Barracudas! The City of Fort Lauderdale Parks and Receptions is pleased to offer several youth swim teams just in time for summer. Sign your child up early and watch as they build their endurance, skill, knowledge and competitive spirit while making new friends! For more information, contact your local community pool or visit www.fortlauderdale.gov/life.

Summer Fitness Schedule

The Beach Community Center offers a variety of fitness classes to accommodate your busy schedule. Course offerings include body sculpting, chair yoga, Pilates, power lunch crunch, strength and flexibility, traditional yoga and zumba. For a course listing, please contact (954) 828-4610 or download the schedule online at www.fortlauderdale.gov/life/guides/BeachFitnessSchedule.pdf.

Tennis Summer Camp

Session II: July 5-23

Session III: July 26 – August 13

Monday – Friday

9a - 1p

6-16 years old

Fees per Session: Residents \$380, Non-Residents \$570

Fees per Week*: Residents \$150, Non-Residents \$225 (*only if space is available)

For more information, call (954) 396-3620 or visit George English Park located at 1101 Bayview Drive, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33304.

Apply Now for Capital Improvement Program Grant Funds

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

To enhance the quality of life in our neighborhoods, the Fort Lauderdale City Commission established the Neighborhood Capital Improvement Program (NCIP) and the Business Capital Improvement Program (BCIP).

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.

NCIP

Examples of capital improvement projects that have been completed with the help of NCIP funding include neighborhood entranceway features, decorative street signposts and landscaping.

The current grant cycle for NCIP runs through September 24, 2010. Neighborhoods are encouraged to apply for up to \$35,000 of matching grant funds for the construction of capital improvements to enhance their community.

BCIP

Examples of capital improvement projects that have been completed with the help of BCIP funding include entranceway features, sidewalks, and landscaping.

The current grant cycle for BCIP also runs through September 24, 2010. Business associations are encouraged to apply for up to \$22,500 of matching grant funds for the construction of capital improvements to enhance their community.

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.

City Seeks Applicants for Boards, Committees

The City of Fort Lauderdale City Commission is seeking residents to serve on the Community Appearance Board, Insurance Advisory Board and the Short Term Residential Use Committee.

Community Appearance Board

Purpose: To present promotional, educational, and award programs and events which further efforts to improve the overall community appearance of the City of Fort Lauderdale. Acknowledge excellence in design, landscape and building property management.

Term: One-year

Meeting Date: Second Wednesday 5:30p

Location: City Hall, 8th Floor Conference Room

The City Commission will consider applicants from the following professional categories: 1) licensed architect, 2) licensed landscape architect, 3) licensed interior designer as well as design and development professionals such as land planners, arborist, contractors, realtors, attorneys, etc.

Insurance Advisory Board

Purpose: Review all aspects of the City's insurance program and needs and make recommendations to the City Commission thereon.

Term: One-year

Meeting Date: First Wednesday, 8a, unless otherwise noted

Location: City Hall, 8th Floor Conference Room

Short Term Residential Use Committee

Purpose: Define parameters for use of residentially zoned property in light of protecting neighborhood tranquility and peaceful enjoyment of residential property. The committee shall make recommendations to the City Commission at such time as it is directed to do so by the City Commission.

Term: One-year

Meeting Date: Fourth Thursday, 3:30p, unless otherwise noted

Location: City Hall, 8th Floor Conference Room

All interested applicants may apply by completing an application posted at <http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/clerk/pdf/boardapplication.pdf>.

Additional information is available at:
<http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/clerk/pdf/boardsummaries.pdf>

If you have any questions, you may call Arleen Gross, City Clerk's Office at 954-828-5288 or email AGross@fortlauderdale.gov

32nd Annual Community Appearance Awards Winners Announced

The City of Fort Lauderdale Community Appearance Board recently announced the 32nd annual Community Appearance Awards winners. Of the 25 diverse construction and renovation projects nominated for an award, 14 were selected by the Board to receive top honors.

The Community Appearance Board selected the winning properties based on a site review of the project's exterior, the structure and outdoor space, as well as how the project visually enhances the surrounding community.

The 2010 Community Appearance Award winners are:

WOW of the Year
Stanfa Residence
1600 N.E. 4th Court

PROPERTY OF THE YEAR
Moss Residence
1736 S.E. 13th Street

RENOVATION PROJECTS
Single Family Residence up to 1,500 Sq. Ft.
Schobel Residence
315 N.E. 14th Avenue

Single Family Residence 1,501 - 3,000 Sq. Ft.
Witt Residence
1104 Mandarin Isle

Multifamily Residence Low-Rise
Harbor Point
2201 S.E. 18th Street

Commercial Low-Rise
Hager Law Office
1300 S.E. 1st Avenue

Commercial High-Rise
Sheraton Fort Lauderdale Beach Hotel
1140 Seabreeze Boulevard

INSTITUTIONAL PROJECTS
Cardinal Gibbons High School
2900 N.E. 47th Street

LANDSCAPE/GARDEN PROJECTS
Chamberlain Residence
1369 S.E. 14th Street

NEW CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS
Single Family Residence more than 3,000 Sq. Ft.
Moss Residence
1736 S.E. 13th Street

Commercial Low-Rise
Riverbend Building B
2307 W. Broward Boulevard

Commercial High-Rise
RoboVault
3340 S.E. 6th Avenue

RETAIL PROJECTS
Paradise Bank
540 N. Federal Highway

MUNICIPAL FACILITIES/PARKS & RECREATION PROJECTS
Coontie Hatchee Landings Park
1116 S.W. 15th Avenue

SPECIAL PROJECTS
Eclipse
307 N.W. 1st Avenue

Presented each year by the Fort Lauderdale City Commission and the Community Appearance Board, the awards recognize homeowners, homeowners associations, architects, developers and builders for projects that enhance the City's visual image and economic vitality.

The annual awards event is funded through sponsorships and ticket sales. Sponsors for the 2010 awards program include Barron Development Corporation, Clad Tile &

Stone, Dickey Consulting Services, Floridian Partners, LLC, Greenberg Traurig, P.A., Lochrie & Chakas, P.A., Ruden McClosky, P.A., Stiles Corporation, and West City Partners, Inc.

For more information about the Community Appearance Awards program or to view pictures of the award-winning properties, please visit the City of Fort Lauderdale's website at www.fortlauderdale.gov/neighborhoods/cab_awards.htm.

To become a member of the City of Fort Lauderdale Community Appearance Board, please visit www.fortlauderdale.gov/clerk/boards.htm to download an advisory board application.

Monthly WOW Award Winners Announced

March 2010:

The WOW Award for March 2010 was presented to Monica and Steve Andrews, who are residents of the River Oaks neighborhood, which is located in District IV.

Monica and Steve purchased their two-bedroom, two-bath home in 1991 during a time when most of west Broward was just being developed. Over the years they took on weekend projects to renovate the home and make it their own.

When they had their second son, Monica and Steve realized their home was not large enough for a family of four. They considered moving, but liked the neighborhood and did not want to leave all of their friends. Rather than move from an area they loved, Monica and Steve decided to remodel their home.

To make their home roomier for their expanded family, Monica and Steve added a second story, which allowed for two additional bedrooms, a master bathroom and wraparound balcony. They also enclosed the carport and converted it to a dining room and remodeled the kitchen and laundry room.

The exterior of their home was updated and electric, plumbing and other improvements were made to make the home compliant with current building codes. To hurricane-proof their home, Monica and Steve added impact windows.

Monica and Steve's remodeling project was quite challenging with a two-year old and newborn living through the construction. Their two boys thought one of the builders was the children's television character, Bob the Builder, and loved every minute of it. However, Steve and Monica were a bit more stressed!

The Fort Lauderdale City Commission and the Community Appearance Board proudly presented the March WOW Award to Monica and Steve and thank them for enhancing their community and the City of Fort Lauderdale.

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

April 2010:

The WOW Award for April 2010 was presented to Carol Cappadona who is a resident of the Bermuda Riviera neighborhood, which is located in District I.

When Carol purchased this property it contained a typical South Florida house. When planning to renovate the inside and outside of the house, she wanted to keep the single story, ranch style footprint of the original house and incorporate influences from her international travels into redesigning it.

One of the most prominent features of Carol's eclectic home is the pergola on top of the house, which is only accessible via an exterior winding staircase.

The exterior of Carol's house also features a mix of privacy hedges, masonry walls, wrought iron gates, and an additional driveway. There are also 36 outside lanterns installed on the property, and all of the iron grill work on the second floor is patterned after 18th century France.

A unique feature of the landscape is the "Porthole" cut into the Ficus hedge located at the corner of the property. The porthole invites passersby to look through it and take in the landscaped fore court with its beautiful paving, Bougainvillea and Cypress trees.

Carol's use of color, texture, landscaping and architectural details when redesigning her house offers a pedestrian-friendly experience and enhances the Bermuda Riviera neighborhood.

The Fort Lauderdale City Commission and the Community Appearance Board proudly presented the April WOW Award to Carol, and thanks her for enhancing her community and the City of Fort Lauderdale.

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

May 2010:

The WOW Award for May 2010 was presented to May and Kevin Muench who are residents of the Las Olas Isles neighborhood, which is located in District II.

May and Kevin's two-story, Key West style home sits atop 150 feet of deep water lagoons that offer expansive waterway views. Their home is canopied by lush tropical landscape and is designed to create a simple elegance and ease of living inside and out.

The home, which was constructed to withstand up to 250 mile per hour winds, has spacious southern verandas, large upper and lower porches, an outside kitchen, and vast open interior space, all designed to enjoy South Florida's balmy weather.

The exterior of the home features a three-car carport with decorative dormers that lead to two multi-car garages. All exterior areas, from the gates to the top porches, are marble with stairs, and ramps were installed to provide ADA accessibility to welcome any guest. Completing the exterior design is a beautiful landscape that boasts a colorful array of plants and varying species of palms that grace the property.

May and Kevin also took special care to weave the overall look and feel of their home together with the name of the street they live on, Isle of Palms Drive. From the Palm trees engraved into the home's shutters to the ones incorporated into the custom

metal railings, the upper front balcony, and the entryway gate, the Isle of Palms theme was tastefully carried throughout the design.

May and Kevin's hearts are truly reflected in the themes and design of this magnificent property that blends into a seemingly simple, yet refined harmony without being ostentatious.

The Fort Lauderdale City Commission and the Community Appearance Board proudly presented the May WOW Award to May and Kevin and thank them for enhancing their community and the City of Fort Lauderdale.

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

City of Fort Lauderdale Changes Utility Bill Format

The City of Fort Lauderdale introduced a newly formatted utility bill in June. The new bill provides more detailed information about services and charges, and features a water consumption graph to assist you with monitoring and conserving your annual water use.

As part of our ongoing "green" initiatives, the City will offer additional features in the near future, including paperless e-billing, which will enable customers to receive their utility bill via the Internet, and an automated Interactive Voice Response System to allow customers to pay their utility bills with a touch-tone phone. For more information, please contact the 24-Hour Customer Service Center at 954-828-8000 or online at www.fortlauderdale.gov/customerservice.

Rains, Drains and Pollutants...A Dangerous Mix for the City's Waterways

South Florida's rainy season is a time when the need for stormwater pollution prevention is more important than ever. The excessive storm water generated by heavy downpours flows from driveways, streets and sidewalks, picks up pollutants and carries them to the nearest storm drain. While water flowing into a storm drain is very visible, the pollutants are not. Where does the water flowing into the storm drain go?

Stormwater is deposited, untreated, into the same water bodies used for swimming, fishing and providing drinking water. This means grease, fertilizer, paints, solvents, soaps, antifreeze, yard waste, construction debris and other pollutants are flowing right into the City's waterways. This "polluted" water can negatively impact water quality as well as aquatic plant and marine life.

With 138 miles of storm drain pipe and approximately 7,660 storm drains and catch basins, the City has a lot of entry points for pollutants. While it may seem impossible to manage, there are many things that residents can do to help prevent pollutants from entering storm drains:

- If there is a clogged storm drain or catch basin near your property, please remove the debris. You may also report clogged storm drains by calling the 24-Hour Customer Service Center at 954.828.8000.
- Put all yard waste in the designated yard waste cart for sanitation pick up. Do not put grass cuttings and yard waste in the storm drain or the street.
- Bag pet waste and dispose of it in your outside garbage cart. Do not put pet waste in the storm drain or hose it into the ground.
- Practice proper automotive maintenance. Check all vehicles and motorcycles for leaks. Properly clean up any spilled fluids immediately with an absorbent material such as cat litter or sand and properly dispose of waste.
- Properly dispose of used motor oil, automotive fluids, paints, pool chemicals, pesticides, household cleaners, lawn and garden chemicals, automotive fluids and other household hazardous waste at a Broward County Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection site (for locations please visit www.broward.org/waste/iwi04100.htm).
- Use hazardous chemicals sparingly and follow the instructions on the label. Clean up spills immediately and properly dispose of waste.
- Clean paint brushes in a sink, not outside.
- Use fertilizers and pesticides sparingly. Apply only the recommended amounts and avoid applying if rain is forecasted.
- Avoid over-watering the lawn. Water during the cooler times of the day. Properly adjust sprinklers so they do not water the pavement and turn the sprinkler system off when rain is expected.
- Purchase and use non-toxic, biodegradable, recycled and recyclable products when possible.
- It is illegal to dump anything down a storm drain. Please report any illegal dumping into the storm water system by calling the 24-Hour Customer Service Center at 954.828.8000. Please be prepared to provide the exact address or specific location.

Learn about Stormwater Pollution Prevention and more on City's New Environmental Services Website

Do you know what stormwater pollution is and how you can help prevent it? Now you can learn more about it by visiting the new Environmental Services section of the City's web site. To access the new Environmental Services web site, simply follow these two easy steps:

1. Type www.fortlauderdale.gov into your Internet browser menu bar.
2. Select "Environmental Services" from the "Quick Links" menu on the right side of the City's homepage.

The new Environmental Services web site is designed to educate the public about stormwater pollution and provides up-to-date information on regional environmental issues that impact us on a daily basis.

Whether you're a homeowner, business owner, developer, restaurant manager, or boater, you'll easily find information and best practices to assist you with preventing stormwater pollution.

In addition, the Environmental Services site provides information about Florida-friendly landscaping, pet waste, household grease, flood prevention, and

environmental crimes. It also highlights regulatory programs the City manages and enforces, and offers a variety of educational links and downloadable materials.

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

24-Hour Customer Service Center Now Accessible Online...Anywhere, Anytime

No matter where you are, you can get the assistance you need from the City's 24-Hour Customer Service Center via the online web form at www.fortlauderdale.gov/customerservice. The online web form is user-friendly and is geared toward providing you with a quick and easy way to get the assistance you need.

Here are a few of the online web form features

- Customers can inquire about non-emergency service issues such as "How do I replace my garbage cart?" "What are my sanitation pick up days?" or "Where do I pay my water bill?"
- Customers can report non-emergency service issues such as potholes, broken garbage and yard waste carts, and non-working streetlights.
- The form offers easy access to the 24-Hour Customer Service Center when you're out of town.
- The form is easy to use.
- Inquiries submitted via the 24-Hour Customer Service Center online web form are responded to by a customer service professional within one business day.

If you'd like copies of the bookmark pictured here for your homeowners or civic association members, please contact the 24-Hour Customer Service Center online at www.fortlauderdale.gov/customerservice or at 954-828-8000.

City Launches Pedestrian Safety Campaign

In an ongoing effort to preserve quality of life, the City of Fort Lauderdale is aggressively tackling the challenge of pedestrian safety.

Did you know? On average, in this country, a pedestrian is injured in a traffic collision every eight minutes. Most pedestrian injuries occur as a result of combined inattentiveness of motorists and the failure of pedestrians to use crosswalks. Additionally, the failure of both pedestrians and motorists to obey traffic signals can cause a fatality. Taking basic precautions and being aware of one's surroundings can dramatically reduce the likelihood of an unnecessary collision.

Pedestrian safety tips:

- Cross at the crosswalk. Don't cross in the middle of the street. The lines in the crosswalk help remind drivers to watch out for pedestrians.
- Stop before you start to cross the street. Look to the left, right, and left again. Cross when it's clear.
- Continue to look for traffic, especially for vehicles turning right on a red light.

- Make eye contact with the driver before you cross in front of a car. Sometimes drivers don't see you.
- If there is a pedestrian signal at an intersection, don't start to cross when it is flashing.
- Always use a sidewalk when you can.
- Watch out for cars backing out of parking spaces and driveways.

Driver safety tips:

- You can encounter pedestrians anytime and anywhere - even in places where they are not supposed to be found.
- Pedestrians can be very hard to see - especially in bad weather or at night. You must keep a lookout and slow down if you can't see clearly.
- When entering a crosswalk area, drive slowly and be prepared to stop.
- Stop for pedestrians who are in a crosswalk, even if it is not marked. When you stop for a pedestrian in a crosswalk, stop well back so that drivers in the other lanes can also see the pedestrian in time to stop.
- Do not overtake and pass other vehicles stopped for pedestrians.
- When you are turning, you often will have to wait for a "gap" in traffic. Beware that while you are watching for that "gap," pedestrians may have moved into your intended path.
- Be especially attentive around schools and in neighborhoods where children are active.

Kids safety tips:

- Parents and kids should hold hands in parking lots.
- Set pedestrian safety rules for your children.
- Never allow children under age 10 to cross streets alone. Adult supervision is essential until you are sure a child has good traffic skills and judgment.
- Children should walk on direct routes with the fewest street crossings.
- Make sure children know to cross 10 feet in front of a school bus, never behind, and to wait for adults on the same side of the street as the school bus loading or unloading zone.
- Teach your child never to run out into a street for a ball, a pet or any other reason.

Here are some myths and facts about pedestrian safety:

<u>Myth</u>	<u>Fact</u>
A green light means it is safe to cross.	A green light means you should look for traffic and only cross if it's safe. Be sure to keep looking for cars coming or turning while you are crossing.
You are safe in a crosswalk.	Sometimes drivers make mistakes. Always make sure it is safe to cross, even at a

	crosswalk.
If you see the driver, the driver sees you.	The driver may not see you. Make sure the driver sees you and stops before you cross in front of the car. Try to make eye contact with the driver.
The driver will always stop if you are in a crosswalk or at a green light.	The driver may not see you. The driver's view may be blocked. The driver may go through a red light. The driver may turn and not look for pedestrians.
White clothes at night make it easy for drivers to see you.	White clothes can be hard to see too. Carry a flashlight. Wear reflective clothing. Walk facing traffic.

The City has created a webpage (www.fortlauderdale.gov/pedsafety) with pedestrian safety videos, kids activities, Florida laws pertaining to and other informational links to assist residents and visitors stay safe as they live, work and play in our beautiful City.

Cigarette Litter: A Threat to Wildlife

City of Fort Lauderdale Anti-Litter Campaign

It is estimated that several trillion cigarette butts are littered worldwide every year. That's billions of cigarettes flicked, one at a time, on our sidewalks, beaches, nature trails, gardens, and other public places every single day.

In fact, cigarettes are the most littered item in America and the world. Cigarette filters are made of cellulose acetate tow, not cotton, and they can take decades to degrade. Not only does cigarette litter ruin even the most picturesque setting, but the toxic residue in cigarette filters is damaging to the environment, and littered butts cause numerous fires every year, some of them fatal.

What happens after that butt gets casually flicked onto the street, nature trail, or beach? Typically wind and rain carry the cigarette into the water supply, where the toxic chemicals the cigarette filter was designed to trap leak out into aquatic ecosystems, threatening the quality of the water and many aquatic life forms. Cigarette filters have been found in the stomachs of fish, birds, whales and other marine creatures that mistake them for food.

Cigarette butts may seem small, but with several trillion butts littered every year, the toxic chemicals add up!



If you are receiving a **print** edition of the Civic Packet, but would prefer to only receive the **electronic** version, please let us know via email.

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Thank you!