



Fossil Park Neighborhood Association, Inc.

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Fossil Park Neighborhood Association's Newsletter

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C.O.N.A. (Council of Neighborhood Associations) Carol Santure (CONA Rep.)

As the CONA Representative for FPNA I have been attending the CONA meetings and find them most informative and enjoyable. Some people do not enjoy meetings but as one of our own members, Erica Kollar says about attending neighborhood meetings, "I like finding out what is going on." Reading the No Bones About It is one way to keep up with what is happening in the neighborhood but I think there is a much better understanding when you hear all details in an issue.

The CONA officers were approved at the December 2008 meeting and were installed and sworn in by Karl Nurse, city council member and past CONA president, at the January meeting. There will be a meeting with city on how to set goals under economical times.

The Energy and Environmental Committee reported they are looking for new members for 2009. So if you want to do your part for our environment, and help shape the way we live into the future, this is your chance. The first meeting was held on January 27th at 6p.m. but there will be other meetings. Neighborhood Associations can help set new standards and make new technologies available to residents throughout St. Petersburg. Learn how to save your neighborhood millions of gallons of water and pay less on all their utilities bills. "St. Pete is only as green as its neighborhoods!" One neighborhood decided to buy and get donations to xeriscape two yards to show how to use less water and how attractive it can be by using native shrubs and flowers. If you want more information or want to attend a meeting e-mail Jason at jdi-viki@hotmail.com or Andrea at andrea@green-florida.org.

Karl Nurse reported city council will be meeting on interpretation of the Sunshine law and code interpretation. He also reported: automobiles that are covered need to be insured and the tag showing; St. Pete is largest water user and we need to

move toward more native plants; Alafia River will be completely dry by spring; 40-80% less water used by trickle watering.

The remaining time of December's meeting was used for "bragging" from neighborhood reps on what is happening in their neighborhoods. In addition to the xeriscaping project previously mentioned others reported they have less meetings a year; hold history of the area month; paint house numbers on the curb of paid members (green backing with white letters.).

Councilman Dudley reported he was working on the Shore Acres flooding problems. Installing 49 back flow valves for storm drains at \$70,000 each should keep the flood waters from backing up into the streets. The plans are to install 12 per year until all drains are covered.

Barbara Heck continues to be president again this year & at the January meeting introduced Mike Connors, Internal Service Administration who took up most of the meeting using 'Power Point' to show how the city uses: Budget strategies, Fiscal Polices, and Enterprising Resources. Mr. Connors said it is very difficult balancing the budget and increasing taxes is unacceptable. Not supplying the doggie bags in the parks saved \$80,000 per year and that is not much considering the overall expenses. There was a 6% portfolio loss in the mayor's pension plans. The fiscal year is October 1st through September.

It was voted to support the Riviera Bay Civic Group in a continuing struggle to keep a T-Mobile cell tower special exception request off the Holy Family Church property. It borders very close to Weedon Island bird sanctuary, school and residents. There is a question of a health issue but because health has never been established as a hazard it cannot be a reason for voting against it.

Until next month – here is hoping we all see a better year.

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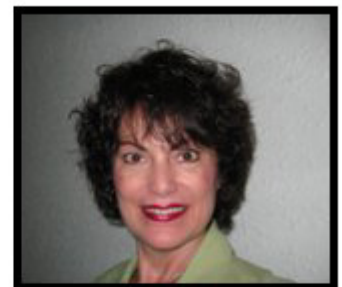
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The Fossil Park Neighborhood Association, Inc. was formed in 1993 to promote social activities, advance community goals, and secure neighborhood protection. The neighborhood is bounded by 77th Ave N, 62nd Ave. N, 4th St. N, and Dr. ML King (9th) St. N. "No Bones About It" is the official newsletter of the Fossil Park Neighborhood Association, Inc. It is published 10 times per year with a circulation of 1000 copies, 800 distributed door-to-door to residents within the aforementioned boundaries of the neighborhood, and the balance distributed to local businesses along the neighborhood corridor, Willis S. Johns rec center, advertisers, etc.

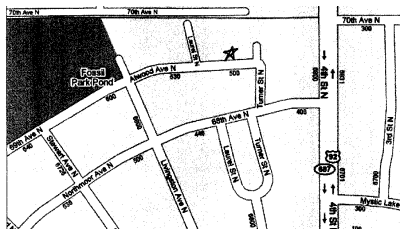
Correspondence may be addressed to:

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A current advertising rate sheet and order form is available to anyone interested in introducing their business to the residents of Fossil Park.

Call any board member to request one today.

Meetings are typically held the first Tuesday of each month (except during the summer). Board meetings begin at 6:30 and General Membership meetings at 7:30. The Association meets in the dining room at the Palm Terrace Nursing Home, 531 69th Ave N (Atwood)



Prez Says:

Hello neighbors! Crime continues to be a problem in our neighborhood. Residential and commercial burglaries are alarmingly high and the police have been in our neighborhood a lot. They have apprehended several suspects, but probably not all, so we need to continue our vigilance in watching out for ourselves and our neighbors. Report anything suspicious to the **Police non-emergency number 893-7780**.

We have hit a minor snag in our Citizens on Patrol planning. The program given at our November meeting was only an overview of the training for COP, and anyone who wishes to become a part of the patrol team must attend an actual training course at the Police Training Center. We have scheduled such a training class on Tuesday, February 24th from 7:00-8:30 pm. The location for this training is just north of the Police Station at 1301 – 1st Avenue North. Parking is available on 1st Avenue North. If you are interested in attending this class, please contact me at 525-5233 and leave your name and number. I will add your name to the list and call you back to confirm.

Everything else for COP is in place, so once the training is completed we will be ready to roll with this program. Please consider getting involved and help keep our neighborhood a safe place to live.

Thanks for your time and I look forward to seeing you at our February 3rd meeting.

Vivian

Ramblings

Received Sunday, January 11, 2009

This is both a thank you and an apology to our neighbors. This weekend we had a birthday party for our nephew who turned 18. We were happy to have the party at our house because it provided a safe and well supervised place for the kids to celebrate. The party started early in the evening and we had a band play until a few minutes after 9 p.m. when the party ended. We rarely have more than a handful of people over and we're definitely not loud, "party" people. This was a special circumstance and definitely **not** the norm for us.

We'd like to apologize to those of you who were upset by the noise and also thank those of you who weren't. We've lived in the neighborhood for over 32 years and can't imagine having better neighbors than we have here in Fossil Park.

The Girard Family

Ramblings is No Bones About It's version of Letters to the Editor.

Submissions can be sent to the editor at tboeving@tampabay.rr.com

Membership Meeting Mythology

Myth #1 I have to be a member to attend the meeting.

First, if you live in the neighborhood you are a member of the Fossil Park Neighborhood Association. There are perks and advantages to being a paid member but everyone who lives here is a member so you can attend the meeting. If you have family or friends in from out of town they are welcome to accompany you to the meeting. Or if the guest speaker is covering a topic your friend in another neighborhood has an interest in, bring them along. The only thing that non-paid members/guests can't do at a meeting is vote on anything that may come to a vote. Other than that anyone can attend and participate in a meeting.

Myth #2 I don't have a sitter to watch the kids so I can't come.

Wrong again. Many of us have brought our children at one time or another. Sometimes they bring homework to do, or handheld video games to occupy themselves. The neighborhood has even reaped the rewards of some children who started out as young attendees coming back with projects to benefit the neighborhood.

Meetings are generally the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm. If there is a change in the date it is usually indicated in the President's message. See bottom left of page 2 for information on meeting location.



MEMBERSHIP FORM 2009

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Welcome Members

We are very happy to welcome a number of new members since the last edition. Added to the role this month are:

Marcie Biddleman, Jack Bowman, Beverly Capanna, Pauline & Armand Fecteau, Andy Gardener, Drew & Allison Gordon, Mirjana & Camil Hasbanasic, Lois Hoberg, Erika Kollar, Peter & Florence Letterese, Barbara Lockenvitz, Virginia Lyke, Jean Massaro, Michele Matos, Gary & Ellen Meister, Cora Mitchell, Anne Morgan, Margaret Murphy, Vivian O'Dell, Edward Pape, Susan Stanton, Robert & Sue Stellges, James & Lorraine Torasso, Barbara & Fletcher Warner, Bruce & Barbara Wilson, Jerry & Sandra Wooldridge, and Les Zepp.

As you will see on page 2 we also have two business members who have joined already: Linda Moore, Realtor and Dr. Howard, Chiropractor. Dr. Howard is participating in the Show Your Card program. We hope to list the names of more residents as well as business members again next month.

There is strength in numbers and together we can work to address the current crime problems, and whatever else 2009 may bring.

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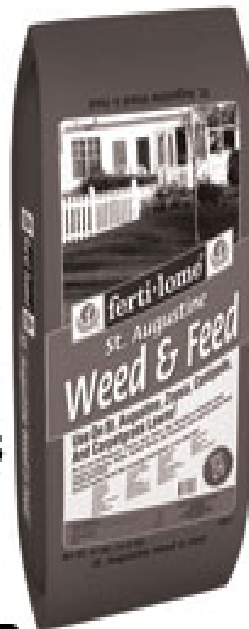
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Dolins' Tip: Palm Fertilizing & Care

Jeff

For the healthiest looking palms, we recommend fertilizing three times a year. The three key times are February -March, June-July, and then October-November. However, if you have not fertilized for over four months or longer, get started as soon as possible.

The formula we highly recommend is the Palm and Ornamental Special by Floridas Finest. This 8-2-12 formula (nitrogen-phosphorus-potash) significantly increases the percent of potash to nitrogen. In fact, if an excess nitrogen condition exists in a palm, it often creates a potash deficiency. This appears as a browning out of the frond, usually starting on the lower fronds. Fertilizers high in nitrogen, such as lawn foods, can create this excess. The new formula is also rich in minor elements, adding 4% magnesium, 2% manganese, 15% sulfur, and several other trace elements. This analysis was developed after years of field testing by the University of Florida.

The advantages to regular palm fertilization are twofold. The most obvious reason to fertilize is to have palms with lush, green full-sized fronds, clean new growth, healthy trunks, and an overall very attractive appearance. The second reason is often discovered when it is too late, and that is to prevent the palm from being susceptible to disease and decline. This is becoming more of a problem in our area. Proper and regular fertilization is certainly an important step in keeping your palms healthy and naturally resistant to problems.



In addition to proper fertilizing, proper watering and correct trimming are also very important. For more information visit our website at www.dolinsgardencenter.org or stop on by.

To encourage proper palm care we're offering a 10% discount on 8-2-12 during the month of February, simply bring in a copy of this article.

Chew on This

Nicki Dennie

Ever been sitting around the back yard with your dog and noticed him eating something, and it turns out he's been nibbling on his own feces! Let's find out once and for all why dogs do this!

When your dog was a puppy their mother used to stimulate them to urinate and defecate. Once the pups had gone to the bathroom the mother would eat the feces to aid in the cleanliness of the den and to keep away predators. Some puppies will pick up this behavior from their mother and begin eating the feces but most dogs stop after they have been weaned from the mother.

Other causes of poo eating in adult dogs has been traced back to several sources. Your dog may have picked this behavior up at the dog park from watching another dog eat their feces. Your pooch may also be eating his or her feces due to boredom, especially if they go potty in the house and you're not there, they may eat it out of sheer boredom. If your dog is eating their feces due to anxiety you may consider finding out what is causing the anxiety and if necessary consult your vet to see if there is something you can give them to calm their nerves. Recommendations will run from calming meds, like Acepromazine and Benadryl to over the counter remedies like calming aid liquids and gels.

Eating poo is socially unaccepted by people. But if impressing your friends is not your top priority then the health of your pet should be! Dogs can pick up parasite and diseases from the feces they are eating.

How is it stopped? It is something that is easier to prevent than cure! Don't let the chance for your dog to eat feces arise! Keep your yard clean so there's nothing out there for him to nibble on. If they are eating the cat's feces, keep the litter box out of range from the dog. If you're out and about keep him on the leash if you're afraid he might find some feces. When at the Dog Park make sure you and everyone else there is doing their part in picking up after their dog!

You can also try over the counter deterrents. They can be found at any pet store. Pumpkin and pineapple in their meal has been said to give the feces a bad taste. These solutions have worked with only limited success. Your best bet is to keep a close eye on your dog when he or she is out and about.

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