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GREENACRES FREEDOM PARK OPENING



The City of Greenacres is proud to announce that Phase I of Freedom Park is finally open. The 52-acre park is located on Pinehurst Drive next to Okeeheelee Middle School. Phase I includes two (2) ballfields, a 2-story Press Box/Concession Stand/Restroom building, parking, sidewalks, irrigation and landscaping. The park is open seven days a week from dawn until dusk.



On September 24, 2002, the City Council awarded a contract for Phase II of the park which will be partially funded with a Florida Recreation Department Assistance Program grant. Phase II will include a left turn lane on Pinehurst Drive, two (2) Soccer fields, a tot-lot, a picnic shelter, an exercise trail, an amphitheatre with a gazebo, sidewalks, parking, irrigation and landscaping. The project is anticipated to start in November, 2002, and be completed by next summer.

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FY 2003 CITY BUDGET

During the month of September, the City Council held public hearings and adopted a budget for fiscal year 2003 (October 1 - September 30, 2003). The City's total budget for FY 2003 is \$18,951,345, and is predicated on maintaining the millage the same as last year. Prior to this year, the City had lowered the millage rate for 7 years. Millage is the tax rate levied by a city on taxable property per each \$1,000 of assessed taxable value.

The total city tax is \$5.7735 per \$1,000 of taxable value. The chart below shows three samples of property values and how the city's millage rate affects each example for fiscal year 2003.

	<u>Example 1</u>	<u>Example 2</u>	<u>Example 3</u>
Property Value	\$50,000	\$100,000	\$150,000
Less: Homestead Exemption	25,000	25,000	25,000
Taxable Amount	25,000	75,000	125,000
Total Millage	5.7735	5.7735	5.7735
Total taxes paid to City of Greenacres	<u>\$144.34</u>	<u>\$433.01</u>	<u>\$721.69</u>

{Property value - Homestead Exemption = Taxable Amount/\$1,000 X millage rate = taxes paid to City}

The City of Greenacres continues to have the lowest per capita tax of the ten largest cities in Palm Beach County.

HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM

In a continuing effort to improve services and meet the needs of our community, the City has requested assistance from PBC Housing and Community Development (HCD) in starting a Housing Rehabilitation Program. These programs are funded through federal Community Development Block Grant funds.

For the first year of the program, the emphasis will be on Emergency Rehabs. Emergency rehabs are funded at a maximum of \$8,000 and normally involves recovering a roof that is leaking; replacing windows and doors that are broken or inoperative; repairing or replacing septic tanks and drainfields; or repairing or upgrading substandard electrical services. Once a property owner meets the financial criteria and the application is approved, they would be eligible for free repairs to their home. The city plans to work with at least three homeowners in obtaining assistance to make emergency repairs.

For anyone who owns and lives in his or her home, has any of the conditions listed above or similar problems, and is not able to make the repairs, the Housing Rehabilitation Program may be the answer. To investigate the program and to determine the basic qualifications, contact either Aileen Hernandez or Jessica Ramirez in the Building Department at (561)-642-2052.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



Habitat For Humanity is coming to Greenacres! Habitat For Humanity has purchased a few lots in the original section of the city, and has applied for a building permit to construct the first house at 501 Jennings Avenue. The house is 1235 square feet, 3 bedrooms and 2 baths. The excitement surrounding this first house in Greenacres is being created by Habitat's ambitious plan to build the house in 25 days, in conjunction with Channel 25. The plan is for Channel 25 to televise the progress of the construction. Staff is expediting the processing of the permit, and the building inspectors will be working cooperatively with Habitat to assist in meeting the 25-day schedule.

Anyone willing to volunteer time or construction materials is encouraged to do so. Please contact Carolyn, Habitat For Humanity's Volunteer Coordinator, at 833-9665.

PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEE RECEIVES AWARD



Firefighter/Paramedic Team Leader Darryl Mitchell was recently awarded the Public Safety Meritorious Service Award for risking his own safety and distinguishing himself in the performance of great responsibility. In August while traveling along Lake Worth Road, Team Leader Mitchell witnessed a car go off the roadway and into a canal. Team Leader Mitchell stopped to render assistance, along with an FHP Trooper. Team Leader Mitchell retrieved a rope from his own car to secure the Trooper and himself while they rescued the individual from the partially submerged car. It was later determined the person was an Auxiliary Lieutenant who had suffered a medical emergency. Team Leader Mitchell's quick thinking and gallant effort distinguished himself by ensuring the rescue was accomplished in a safe and efficient manner. "Good work Team Leader Mitchell."

COOL ZONE KIDS WIN BIKES AT NICKELODEON!

Saturday, September 7th, Cool Zone took 11 members to a taping of Nickelodeon's Slime Time Live in Orlando, Florida. Each Cool Zone child that competed on the show won a 21"-speed bike! The show aired on September 14th on CBS.

COMMUNITY CENTER ALL-STARS VS GREENACRES PUBLIC SAFETY BASKETBALL GAME

Who's the better ball player? Kids? Cops/Firemen? Come find out at the 2nd Annual Community Center Kids vs. Greenacres Public Safety charity basketball game. Call 642-2091 for more information.

- Date: November 21, 2002
- Time: 7:30 pm
- Admission \$2.00
- Location: John I. Leonard High School Gymnasium

10th AVENUE NORTH LANDSCAPE ISLAND PHASE II

The City is in the process of constructing the second landscape island on 10th Avenue North, between 57th Avenue and Sherwood Forest Blvd. This island will compliment the beautiful Phase I island to the East between the E-3 Canal and 57th Avenue. Upon completion, which is scheduled



for November, the landscaped island will contain 11 trees and over 300 shrubs. The City obtained matching funds from "Keep Palm Beach County Beautiful" grant program for both islands.

MAKE FREEDOM COUNT

GENERAL ELECTION • VOTE ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2002 • IMPORTANT VOTER INFORMATION, PLEASE READ.

PHOTO AND SIGNATURE ID REQUIRED when you go to your polling place to vote, photo and signature ID will be required. Each elector is required to present a Florida's Driver's License, a Florida ID card issued under s. 322.051, F.S., or any other acceptable photo ID. If you do not have a picture ID, you will be required to complete an Affidavit verifying your identity.

YOUR REGISTRATION allows you to vote in municipal, (if you reside within a municipality), county, state or national elections. Voter registrations do not transfer over county lines. If you move to another county, you must re-register there at least 29 days prior to an election. If you return to Palm Beach County after living in another county, you must re-register in Palm Beach County. NOTE: Per Florida Statutes, you must vote in the precinct where you are living on Election Day. It is a third degree felony to vote in a precinct where you do not legally reside.

YOUR POLLING LOCATION is listed on your Voter Registration Card. If your address changes before Election Day (even if it is across the street), be certain to notify the Supervisor of Elections Office who will inform you if you have a new precinct number and new polling location.

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO GET TO THE POLLS ON ELECTION DAY, you may still vote by Absentee Ballot. Call the Supervisor of Elections Office (656-6200), as you may have to go to the Elections Office to pick up your absentee ballot. **You must return your absentee ballot to the Elections Office no later than 7:00 p.m. on Election Day - Tuesday, November 5, 2002!**

GENERAL ELECTION: All registered voters may vote for any candidate and on all issues at the General Election - Tuesday, November 5, 2002.

POLLS ARE OPEN FROM 7 A.M. TO 7 P.M. ON ELECTION DAY!

TOUCH SCREEN VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

Step 1. Activate the machine by inserting the Voter Card into the yellow slot on the lower left hand side of the machine, use the tip of your finger to insert the card until you feel it click. The card will remain in place until you have completed voting. * Select Ballot Language by touching the language of your choice.

Step 2. Make your selections by touching the circle to the right of the candidate(s) or measure(s) of your choice. A green check mark will appear in the circle of your choice. Repeat this process until you have selected all the candidate(s) or measures(s) of your choice. **If you make a mistake** or change your mind, simply touch the check mark. The check mark will disappear, the circles will reappear and you can make a new choice. * **Write in Vote** (if applicable) will appear after the last candidate name on the ballot for that contest. To enter a write-in name, touch the WRITE-IN choice. Then a keyboard will appear on the screen. Type the name of the person you wish to write-in by touching the buttons on the displayed keyboard. The keyboard has edit functions if you make a mistake. When finished, touch the OK button. **The Automatic Ballot Review** screen will appear when you reach the end of the ballot. This screen will allow you to review all of your selections. To make changes, touch the candidate or issue you want to change and you will be returned to that screen. If no change(s), touch "NEXT" to go to the last screen.

Step 3. Cast your ballot. When you reach the last screen, you will see a yellow box labeled: "Touch here to cast your ballot". To cast your ballot, touch the yellow box in the middle of the screen. **You cannot change your mind after the ballot is cast.** * After casting your ballot, the Voter Card will pop out. **Please return the Voter Card to the Poll Worker.**

DO YOU WANT TO BE A POLL WORKER?

The Supervisor of Elections is always looking for qualified people to work at the polls on Election Day. If you are interested, please call the PBC Supervisor of Elections Office at (561) 656-6200, Extension 4.



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