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Adelphia Cable Service
848-1600

Building Inspections/Permits
642-2052

City Clerk
642-2006

City Council
642-2006

City Hall-General
642-2000

City Manager
642-2017

Code Enforcement
642-2065

Community Center
642-2090

Employment
642-2001

Finance
642-2013

Leisure (Recreation) Programs
642-2181

Occupational Licenses
642-2053

Planning, Zoning & Engineering
642-2054

Public Works
642-2071

Public Safety - Non-Emergency
642-2160

Refuse Collection/Recycling
642-2071

Refuse Collection Bills
642-2012

Tips on Displaying the United States Flag

- When the flag is displayed in a manner other than by being flown from a staff, it should be displayed flat, whether indoors or out. When displayed either horizontally or vertically against a wall, the union should be uppermost and to the flag's own right, that is, to the observer's left.
- If you are displaying the flag with other flags (state flag, city flag, military flag, scout or other organizational flag), the U. S. Flag should be the FIRST flag raised every morning, and the LAST flag to be lowered at night.
- No flag or pennant may be placed above the flag of the United States.
- The 220+ year-old Flag of the United States of America is quite "hardy for its age", and flies proudly even at mankind's furthest venture - the moon.

Addressing For Greenacres Residents

Did you know that using the correct city name could save you money?

- Check your insurance policy. When purchasing or renewing homeowners and automobile insurance policies, residents and business owners should ensure that their insurance agent uses the proper City code (**416**) and the City name of **Greenacres**.
- Ensure funding of Police and Fire Retirement Plans. When using the correct address, money due to the City of Greenacres to fund police and firefighter's retirement plans comes back to your City instead of going to another City.
- Use Greenacres' City name and ZIP code. Remember to use the City name of Greenacres along with the proper zip codes of **33463**, **33467**, **33413**, **33415** and **33454**.

Thank you for your efforts in showing community pride and helping the City receive the monies that it is due!

The Postmaster, in a letter to Mayor Ferreri, stated "In an effort to identify residents/businesses of the City of Greenacres, the preferred City name of Greenacres should be used with the correct 5-digit Zip Code to ensure that their mail is sent to the correct post office for delivery."



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City Council Reduces Tax Rate

For the second year in a row, the City of Greenacres has proposed to reduce the millage rate by 0.1mils. The total City tax is being reduced from \$5.6735 to \$5.5735 per \$1,000 of taxable value. The breakdown is as follows for property assessed at \$200,000:

Property Value	\$200,000
Less Homestead Exemption	\$ 25,000
Taxable Amount	\$175,000
Operating Millage	5.5735
Total City of Greenacres' Taxes	\$ 975.36
Change from Last Year	\$ (17.50)

The City Council will hold two public hearings in September to adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2006 (October 1, 2005 – September 30, 2006).



City Receives Budget Award

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) has presented the City of Greenacres with the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award and Plaque for Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2004. In order to receive this award a governmental unit must publish a budget document that meets program criteria as a policy document, as an operations guide, as a financial plan, and as a communications device. This attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management. The City of Greenacres is honored to have attained this distinguished award for the twelfth (12th) consecutive year.



Citizen Education Program

In the Citizen Education Program participants will receive a fascinating overview of the Greenacres Department of Public Safety. The course will provide hands-on demonstrations to promote interaction with the participants and instructors. Each week, participants will learn about the varying aspects of police, fire, or emergency medical services.

For information on standards of qualifications or how to apply, please click on Citizen Education Program on the City of Greenacres' website at: www.ci.greenacres.fl.us/ or click on Citizen Education under Greenacres Department of Public Safety on Crime Watch America's website at: www.crimewatchamerica.com/default.asp. Applications may also be obtained at the Department's lobby at 2995 Jog Road. For further information, please contact Public Safety Officer Richard Warren at 642-2133.

- September 6th – November 15th
- Deadline August 15th
- Tuesday
- 6:30p.m. – 9:00p.m.
- Public Safety Building
- **Free**



Selecting a Contractor

Below are some items to consider when selecting a contractor to do work.

Is the contractor licensed and registered? All contractors must be registered to work in the City of Greenacres and have the appropriate license for the type of work that is to be done.

Does the contractor have the appropriate insurance, i.e. worker's comp and general liability? The City confirms that the firm has the necessary state or county licenses, plus liability insurance and worker's comp or a worker's comp exemption.

Have you received multiple proposals? Obtain bids from at least three different contractors.

Does the contract detail exactly what will be done and how much the completed project will cost? Fixed price estimates and contracts are the safest, although in some cases some or all of the project may have to be time and material.

Have you seen the work done by the contractor and checked out references? Ask for a list of completed projects; talk to some of the contractor's former clients and ask if they will let you in to see the work. Ask questions: Was the job done quickly? Did the contractor clean up every day? Does everything work? Would they use the contractor again?

Does the down payment appear to be reasonable? A down payment is almost always required when the contract is signed. A good rule of thumb is for the down payment never to exceed 1/3 of the total. Do not pay the total amount until you have confirmed that all the required inspections have been scheduled, performed, and approved. If in doubt, call the City's Building Department at 642-2052.

Has the contractor obtained and posted the building permit? A majority of the contractors obtain the permit. Remember that the permit-holder is the party responsible. If you pull the permit and your contractor does not perform to your satisfaction, the City can do little or nothing to help.

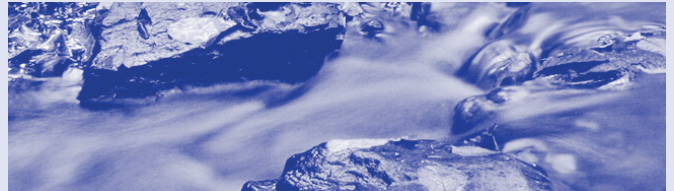


Keeping Stormwater Flowing

To avoid drainage problems, and to lessen the amount of stormwater runoff consider alternatives when planning new patios, paths, or driveways. Use gravel, paving blocks, porous asphalt, or other permeable materials. Additional tips include:

- Sweep your driveway instead of using a hose. This saves water and keeps dirt out of the drainage system.
- Avoid the use of wood chip mulch around yard inlets or swales. The wood chips float and can be easily moved by runoff water.
- Use caution when placing trees or shrubs. The roots may grow into underground drainage pipes disrupting the drainage system.

Your neighborhood drainage system is not a garbage disposal - don't treat it like one. Encourage your neighbors to take responsibility and to not dump chemicals, fertilizer, paint, oil, etc. in inlets or pipes. If you have any further questions or comments about the Cit of Greenacres' stormwater drainage system, please feel free to contact the Public Works Department at 561-642-2071.



Greenacres is under a Citrus Quarantine

Greenacres is among several cities in Palm Beach County that have been placed under quarantine. While under a quarantine, no citrus trees, fruits or plant parts may be moved from the quarantine areas. No citrus trees may be planted in the quarantine area. No potted citrus may be kept in a quarantine area unless in a registered nursery.

What is Citrus Canker?

Citrus canker is a bacterial disease of citrus that causes premature leaf and fruit drop.

Citrus canker is highly contagious and can be spread rapidly by:

wind

rain

lawnmowers and other landscaping equipment

animals and birds

people carrying the infection on their hands, clothing, or equipment

moving infected or exposed plants or plant parts





Parents Without Partners

PWP Inc. provides real help in the way of discussions, professional speakers, study groups, publications and social activities for families and adults. For more information call 642-2090.

- August 4th at 7:00 p.m.
- August 20th at 10:00 a.m.
- Community Center



Park Hours

City parks are open to the public from sunrise to sunset, except for the following lighted facilities that remain open until 10:00 p.m.

Community Park
Bowman Park
Ira Van Bullock Park
Greenacres Freedom Park

Rambo Park
Veterans Park
Burrowing Owl Park



Facility Rental Information

Facility rentals may be reserved two-weeks prior to the date of the event. Rental hours are from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and require a refundable security deposit of \$150. For more information call 642-2090.

Community Park Pavilion

(60' Pavilion over looking the water)

- \$150/ 6 hours

Greenacres Freedom Park Pavilion

(44' Pavilion over looking the water)

- \$150/ 6 hours

Greenacres Freedom Park Pavilion

(36' Pavilion)

- \$90/ 6 hours

Greenacres C.A.R.E.S. Program A Year-Round Child Care Program

The Greenacres C.A.R.E.S. program is accepting new registrations for elementary school age children in need of after school care. **Registration for the 2005-2006 school year will run through August 1st, 2005.** There are only 120 spaces, so sign up early! For more information, call 642-2191.

Licensed by the Palm Beach County Health Dept. (No. 720038).

Alcoholics Anonymous

Alcoholics Anonymous® is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. For more information, call 642-2090.

- Saturdays
- 7:00p.m. – 8:00p.m.
- Free of charge, anyone can join
- Community Center

Hurricane Relief Supplies

Greenacres Elementary School is the City's official distribution site for emergency relief supplies such as ice, water, tarps, MRE's, ect., should a natural disaster take place. The school is located on 405 Jackson Ave. Call 642-2181 for more information.



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