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MANDATORY WATER RESTRICTIONS



The South Florida Water Management District has announced the need for restrictions on water use. Lawn irrigation accounts for half of the drinking water used in south Florida and the water restrictions require limits on outdoor water use. Please follow the following restrictions to avoid penalty fees:

HOMES AND BUSINESSES:

- Addresses that end with an odd number (1,3,5)
 - Watering is permitted on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 4-8 a.m.
 - With land more than five acres, watering is permitted from 12:01-8 a.m.
- Addresses that end with an even number (0,2,4)
 - Watering is permitted on Thursdays and Sundays from 4-8 a.m.
 - With land more than five acres, watering is permitted from 12:01-8 a.m.

MULTI-USE FAMILY UNITS/MULTI-USE COMPLEXES

THAT IRRIGATE BOTH ODD AND EVEN ADDRESSES:

Less than five acres:

- Watering is permitted Thursdays and Sundays from 4-8 a.m.
- No area may be irrigated more than two days a week.

More than five acres:

- Watering is permitted any two days on: Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, or Sundays from 12:01-8 a.m. No area may be irrigated more than two days a week.

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For further information, please contact South Florida Water Management District at 561-686-8800 or visit www.sfwmd.gov for additional updates.

GOVERNMENT DIRECTORY

Comcast Cable
848-1600

Building Inspections/Permits
642-2052

City Clerk & Council
642-2006

City Hall- General
642-2000

Code Enforcement
642-2065

Community Center
642-2090

Employment
642-2001

Finance
642-2013

Leisure (Recreation) Programs
642-2181

Business Registrations
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



ZIP CORRECTLY & SAVE MONEY!

The City of Greenacres has five United States Postal Zip Codes. The mail in these zip codes is processed in three (3) post offices (*Greenacres, Lake Worth and West Palm Beach*), and delivered to the residents and businesses in Greenacres.

Zip Code boundaries do not conform to city boundaries and the name of the post office does not correspond to city names. Therefore, do not confuse the zip code name with the name of the city in which you live.

A letter from the Postmaster to Mayor Ferreri states, *"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."*

Using the City name of **Greenacres** along with the proper zip codes of **33463, 33467, 33413, 33415, and 33454** will:

- Lower your Property Insurance
- Ensure the funding of your City's Police and Fire retirement plans
- Ensure proper delivery of your mail

TIPS FOR SELECTING A CONTRACTOR

All contractors must be registered to work in the City of Greenacres. Contractors also must 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?

In order to be registered to work in the City, the City confirms that the company 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?

It is always recommended to receive 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 the entire 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: Was the job done quickly? Did the contractor clean up every day? Does everything work? Would they use the contractor again?

Can you talk comfortably to the contractor?

If communication is open and honest, any problem that should develop during the construction should be easily solved.

Does the downpayment appear to be reasonable?

A downpayment is almost always required when the contract is signed. A good rule of thumb is for the downpayment 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 and ask if the job has been finalized.

Has the contractor obtained and posted the building permit?

Reputable contractors obtain their own permits; if the contractor asks you to obtain the permit, beware and do not agree to do it. Remember that the permit-holder is the party responsible.

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION E-FILE IS HERE!

In February the Property Appraisers Office initiated a new on-line Homestead Exemption filing system. This system allows homeowners to file for their Homestead Exemption from the comfort of their home or office. The system is simple to use, quick and convenient. A link to the new Exemption E-File system can be found on their current website; www.pbcgov.com/papa. Please contact Carol Wright at the Property Appraisers Office at 561-355-3512 for further information.

STREET LIGHT OUT?



To report a street light out, flickering or exposed wiring, you can go to FPL's website www.fpl.com/residential/customer_service and click on "Report a Street Light that is not working", all you need to know is the address that the light is directly in front of or the pole number which is located on the side of the pole.

HAZARDOUS WASTE

The following items can be discarded at the Solid Waste Authority, 9743 Fairgrounds Rd, Monday – Friday 7:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. and Saturday from 7:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

- Propane tanks
- Used motor oil
- Automobile & rechargeable batteries
- Fluorescent lights
- Pesticide and chemicals
- Gasoline

For questions or more information contact the Solid Waste Authority at 561-687-1100.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SERVING THE CITY?

The City of Greenacres has several volunteer boards that provide a valuable service to the operations of the City. Residents who are interested in serving their community through volunteer service are encouraged to complete a Board application which can be obtained from the City Clerk or from the City's website: www.ci.greenacres.fl.us Completed applications can be returned to the City Clerk. If you have any questions regarding the duties of the boards and commission, please call 561-642-2006.

Board or Commission*	Meeting Dates
Civil Service Board	As needed
Code Enforcement Board	Every 6 weeks
Construction Board of Adjustments	As needed
Planning Commission	1 st & 3 rd Wednesday
Retirement Plan for Public Safety Officers/Firefighters – Board of Trustees	Quarterly
Zoning Board of Adjustments	As needed

BOARD MEMBERS HONORED FOR SERVICE TO THE CITY

On Friday, April 20, 2007, the City recognized and honored members of the City's Boards. These Board members have given their time and effort to serve the City by attending meetings that offer advisory opinions or quasi-judicial decisions. The honorees include the following:

Board of Trustees – Retirement Plan	Planning Commission
Irving Shind, Acting Chair	Henry Lorenzen, Chair
E. Barrett Atwood, Sr.	Gerald Greenstein, Vice Chair
Bryan Kirshbaum	Herb Kaye
Matthew DeJoy	Estelle Friedman
	Robert Buczynski
Civil Service Board	Construction Board of Adjustments and Appeals
John Myshrall	John Tharp
Bert Molow	Ann Edmundson
Code Enforcement Board	Zoning Board of Adjustments
Vern Quigley, Chair	Gerald Lieberman, Chair
Frank Simon, Vice Chair	Donald Victor
Anthony Vona	Sheldon Pruss
Leo Zornow	Joseph Griese
Merle Fine	Carol Glasser
Randall Dickey	
Linda Lieberman	
Tyrone Monte	

Mayor Ferreri, City Council members and City staff offer their thanks and appreciation to all the board members.

PRESIDENTIAL VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARDS PROGRAM

The President's Volunteer Service Award Program was created to recognize Americans of all ages who have made a significant commitment to volunteering. The City of Greenacres was approved as an "Official Certifying Organization" for this award program.



Each award winner receives a Service Level Official President's Volunteer Service Pin; a personalized Certificate of Achievement; and a note of congratulations from the President.

At the City Council meeting of April 16, 2007 Mayor Ferreri and the City Council recognized the 2006 Presidential Volunteers Service Award Winners who offer their time, to "make a difference" for the City of Greenacres! The award recipients were:

Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers
Adolph Stuffer	Courtenay Taylor	Alejandra Umana	Sariha McFadden
Norman Rose	Pedro Molina	Clara Alcocer	Jonathan Berry
Nephdarlie Saint-Cyr	Jessy Mayen	Isabel Aumais	Johnathon Torres
Mara Oquendo	Emily Shaw	Jordan Fuscaro	Joshua Torres
Luis Fonseca	Angelica Vasquez	Jordan Krapf	Katlyn Dew
Natalie Rodriguez	Lake Bolander	Edgar Lorenzo	Allison Pachas

If you are interested in volunteering your time and talents, Mayor Ferreri and the City Council encourage you to contact the Human Resources Division (642-2001) to obtain a volunteer application.

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

City Council meetings are open to the public and are held on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month. Special or workshop meetings, when needed, are held on the second and fourth Mondays of the month. Agendas are available at City Hall on the Friday prior to each meeting. The City Council agenda can also be accessed from the City's web site at: www.ci.greenacres.fl.us. For more information, please contact the City Clerk at 642-2006.

IGNITE THE NITE-JULY 4TH

Join the City of Greenacres for an Independence Day Celebration at Greenacres Community Park on Wednesday, July 4th from 5-9 pm. Enjoy live music, amusement rides, family games, face painting and much more. The event begins at 5:00 p.m. with music at 5:30 p.m. The day will conclude with a spectacular fireworks display at 9:00 p.m. Food and drinks will be available for purchase. Remember to bring your chairs!



DISTINGUISHED BUDGET PRESENTATION AWARD

The City of Greenacres has received the GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the 14th year in a row. The GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Awards Program is the only national awards program in governmental budgeting. The award represents a significant achievement by the City. It reflects the commitment of the governing body and staff to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting. In order to receive the budget award, the City had to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. These guidelines are designed to assess how well the budget serves as:

- A policy document
- A financial plan
- An operations guide
- A communications device

Budget documents must be rated "proficient" in all four categories to receive the award.



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