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State Mandates Property Tax Cuts

On June 21, 2007, the Governor signed three (3) Bills passed by the legislature during the special session that ended on June 14, 2007.

■ **HB 1B:** This Bill limits the authority of local governments to levy ad valorem taxes for the budget years 2007/2008 and beyond. For the 2007/2008 budget year, ad valorem taxes will be capped at the roll back rate (millage rate that produces the same amount of revenue as last year 2006/2007) less 9% for the City of Greenacres. This amount reduced revenues received from taxes by \$985,082. In order to address the cuts in revenue in the 2007/2008 budget and plan for future budget years in light of the constitutional amendment on January 29, 2008, the following measures were proposed for the budget:

1. Reduce the shortfall in revenue over expenditures for non-essential services including special events, athletic leagues, and classes. This includes eliminating three (3) special events (Greenacres Fest, Holiday in the Park, and Love on the Lawn), increasing fees for participation in athletic leagues to offset costs, and restructuring Leisure classes to be offered through renting space to instructors.
2. Maintain six (6) current positions vacant. These vacancies will impact the levels of service delivery by lengthening the amount of time it takes to perform some services.
3. Eliminate 500 part-time and 700 independent contractor hours.
4. Reduce training costs by 20%.
5. Reduce operating line item budgets across all Departments by \$213,000.
6. Reduce inter-fund transfers in the FY2008 and future years.

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For the 2008/2009 budget and beyond, ad valorem taxes will be capped at the rolled back rate plus an adjustment based on the growth of the per capita personal income.

GOVERNMENT DIRECTORY

Comcast Cable

848-1600

Toll Free **888-683-1000**

Building Inspections/Permits

642-2052

Business Registrations

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City Clerk & Council

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City Hall- General

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Code Enforcement

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Community Center

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Employment

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Finance

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Leisure (Recreation) Programs

642-2181

Planning, Zoning & Engineering

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Public Works

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Public Safety-Non Emergency

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Refuse Collection/Recycling

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Refuse Collection Bills

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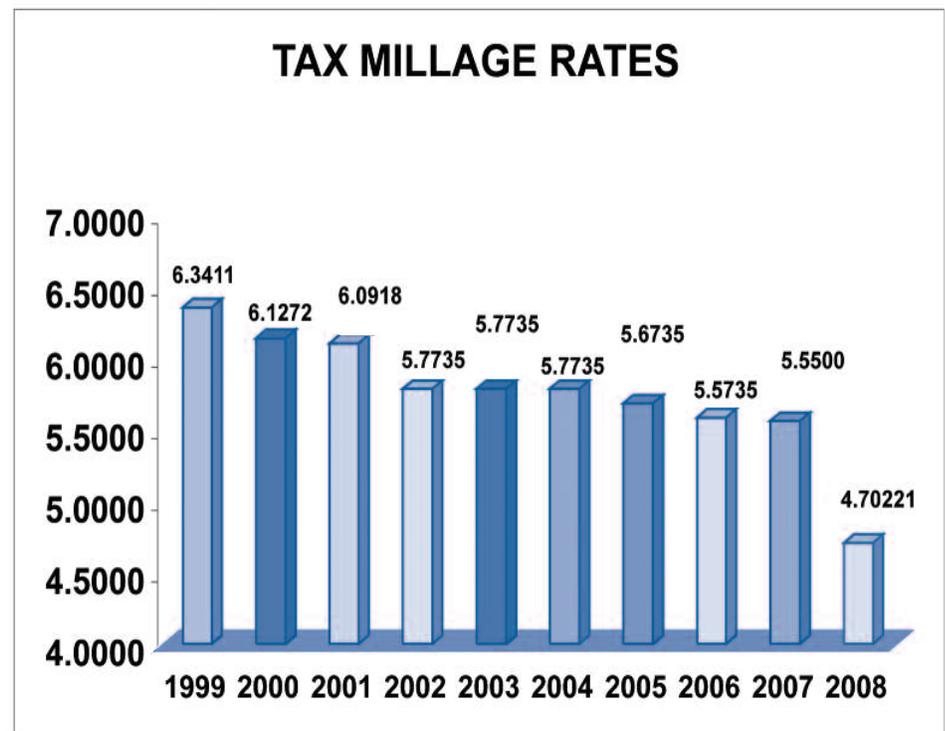


FY 2008 BUDGET

On September 17, 2007, the City Council approved a budget for Fiscal Year 2008 which covers the period from October 1, 2007 to September 30, 2008. The General Fund, which accounts for the majority of City services and operations, had an appropriation of \$23,772,466 for FY 2008. Property taxes represent approximately 40% of the General Fund revenue, while the remaining 60% is comprised of franchise fees, state sales tax, charges for services, permits and licenses, interest income, and miscellaneous charges.

The property tax revenue is based on the taxable value of all property within the City multiplied by the property tax rate. As of July 1, 2007, the total of taxable property in the City was \$2,152,750,751. The property tax rate adopted by the City Council was 4.7022 mills or \$4.7022 per \$1,000 of taxable property value. This rate represents a decrease of 9% over the prior year's rate and is estimated to generate approximately \$9,626,422 in revenue.

For a home with a property value of \$225,000, with a \$25,000 Homestead Exemption, the annual property taxes paid to the City of Greenacres would be \$940.44 which represents a savings of \$169.56 from the previous year. The City has continued to demonstrate fiscal responsibility by lowering the property tax rates over the years as shown on the following chart.



PUBLIC SAFETY TIP ON IDENTITY THEFT

Identity Theft involves the use of personal identifiers such as names, social security account numbers, and credit card numbers, typically for criminal purposes. To minimize your risk of becoming a victim of identity theft you can:

- Place outgoing mail in secure collection mailboxes
- Only carry essential identification cards
- Before providing any personal identifiers, know how it will be used and if it will be shared
- Know your billing cycles and contact creditors when bills fail to show up
- Do not give personal information over the telephone
- Shred documents that contain personal identifiers or account information.

Protect yourself by registering to limit the number of telemarketing calls you receive and checking your own credit report.

Do Not Call Registry

- (877) 322-8228
- www.donotcall.gov

Free Annual Credit Reports

- (888) 382-1222
- www.annualcreditreport.com

Even though you may take precautions to ensure that your personal identity and information is safe, you could still be the victim of identity theft. Below are some steps to take if you do become a victim.

1. Report the case to your local law enforcement agency and obtain a case number. The report can be filed in the city or county in which you reside, or the location where the offense occurred. When available, obtain a copy of the report.

2. Notify the three major credit bureaus. Order copies of your credit report. You can also have a fraud alert placed on your credit report. Request that creditors contact you prior to opening new accounts or making changes to any of your accounts
3. Contact the fraud department of each of your creditors. You may be requested to complete an affidavit disputing the fraud. Confirm all conversations in writing and keep copies of all documentation.
4. Contact your banking institution. If you believe that your account has been compromised, close your checking and savings accounts and obtain new account numbers. Stop payment on any stolen checks.
5. Contact the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) and have a flag placed on your driver's license. If your personal information was actually used to secure a driver's license, DHSMV will conduct an investigation.

Credit Bureaus

Equifax	(800) 525-6285	www.equifax.com
TransUnion	(800) 680-7289	www.transunion.com
Experian (TRW)	(888) 397-3742	www.experian.com

Additional Resources

DHSMV

Fraud Section
(850) 488-4579
www.hsmv.state.fl.us

Social Security Administration Fraud Hotline

(800) 269-0271
www.ssa.gov

Federal Trade Commission

(877) FTC-HELP
(1-877-ID-THEFT)
www.consumer.gov/idtheft

Florida Department of Consumer Services

(800) HELP-FLA
(800) FLA-YUDA

If you are targeted or a victim of an Internet or e-mail scam, please log on to the Internet's Crime Complaint Center (IC3) website to report the incident: www.ic3.gov

PUBLIC SAFETY REACHES OUT TO THE COMMUNITY WITH VARIOUS PROGRAMS

The Fire/EMS Services Division takes pride in teaching the community new techniques in Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), providing blood pressure screenings, and presenting public awareness lectures. The Fire/EMS Services Division participates with the Palm Beach County Health Department, providing Influenza, Pneumococcal, and Tetanus Vaccines to seniors, 60 years of age and older, and their caregivers. Additionally, the Division conducts fire inspections and investigations throughout the city. If you have any questions regarding times and dates for the above referenced programs please call the Fire /EMS Services Division at 561-642-2146.

SOLID WASTE SERVICES

The City of Greenacres contracts with Onyx Waste Services Southeast (Onyx) to provide solid waste services. There are up to four (4) categories of pickup services depending on your collection type - curbside or dumpster.

RESIDENTIAL CURBSIDE COLLECTION:

- Collection of regular household garbage/trash twice a week.
- Collection of bulk trash, recycling, and yard vegetation once a week.
- Trash will be collected from 7 a.m. - 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday (except the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays).

RESIDENTIAL DUMPSTER COLLECTION:

- Collection of regular household garbage/trash twice a week.
- Collection of bulk trash and recycling once a week.
- Trash will be collected from 7 a.m. - 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday (except the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays).

Please make sure to place your waste outside prior to 7 a.m. for prompt collection.

Residential customers are encouraged to call the City of Greenacres, Public Works Department at (561) 642-2071 with any questions, complaints, issues, requests, or concerns related to the pick-up and disposal of solid waste.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

The Solid Waste Authority (SWA) provides free disposal of common household chemicals for residents of Palm Beach County. Almost every home has some type of chemical product that can be hazardous if not used, stored, or disposed of properly. Pesticides, cleaning products, solvents, pool chemicals, paint, used oil, and propane cylinders are just a few examples. When they are no longer needed or usable we refer to them as "Household Hazardous Waste", or HHW for short. For information on the SWA's Household Hazardous Waste Program, including materials, locations, and hours please visit their web site at www.swa.org.

A SUCCESSFUL GREAT GREENACRES CLEANUP

On April 28, 2007, approximately 100 volunteers participated in the Great Greenacres Cleanup. Residents of Mil-Run Court whose efforts were coordinated by Code Enforcement Officers cleaned up front and back yards, and common areas in the neighborhood. Volunteers and participants from the City's Cool Zone program (middle school youth) painted exterior walls at Gladiator Park and on South 57th Avenue, and picked up litter along Haverhill

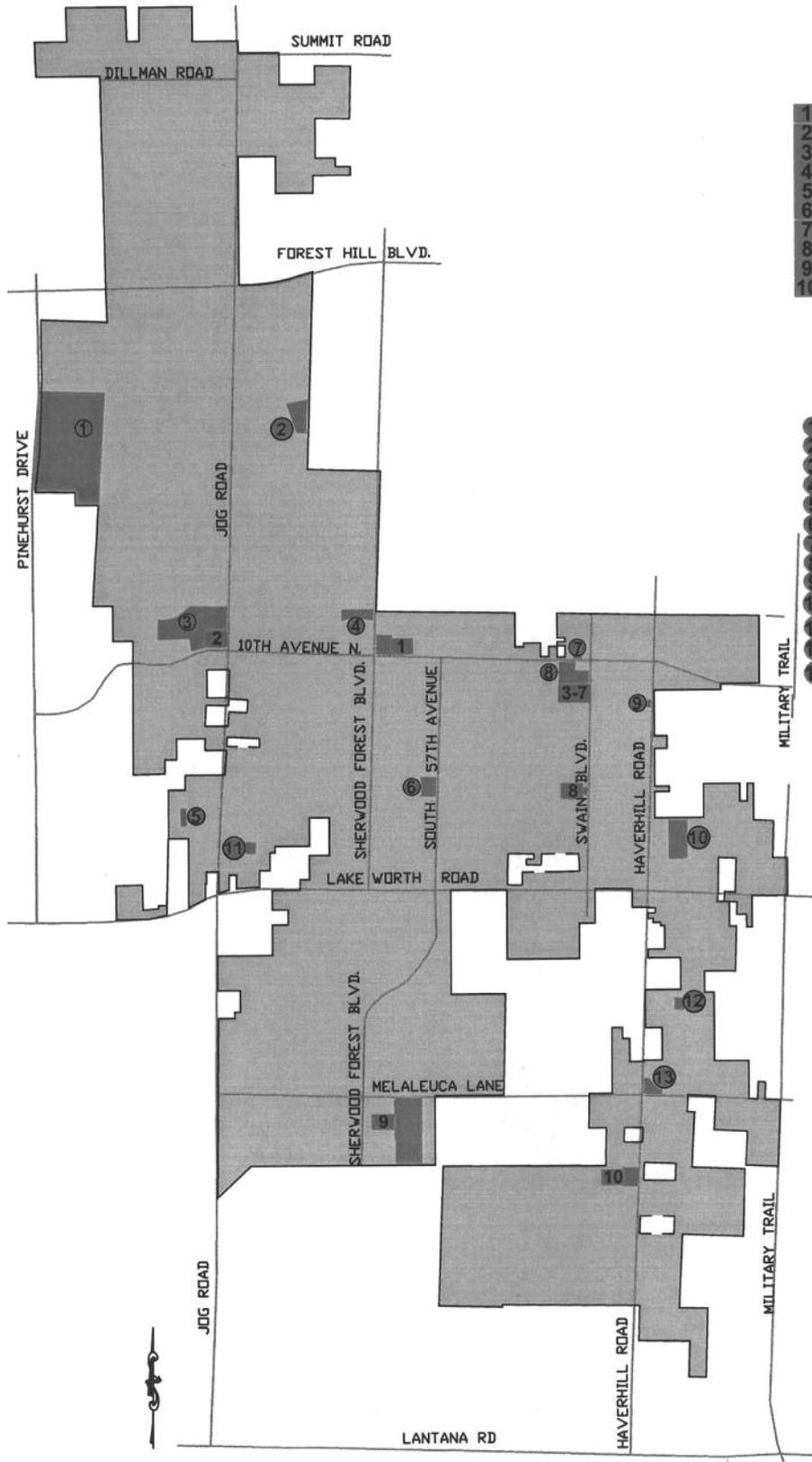


Road and South 57th Avenue right-of-ways. The work was performed within 2½ hours and culminated in a recognition award and lunch. A Great thank you goes to volunteers and City employees who made this a very successful event.



City of Greenacres

"A Great Place to Be"



GREENACRES FACILITIES ■

- 1 CITY BUILDING
- 2 PUBLIC SAFETY HEADQUARTERS
- 3 PUBLIC WORKS HEADQUARTERS
- 4 COMMUNITY CENTER
- 5 COMMUNITY HALL
- 6 LEISURE SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
- 7 LEISURE SERVICES ACTIVITIES BLDG.
- 8 CITY PROPERTY
- 9 CITY HALL and PUBLIC WORKS
- 10 PUBLIC SAFETY STATION #2

GREENACRES PARKS ●

- 1 GREENACRES FREEDOM PARK
- 2 VETERAN'S PARK
- 3 COMMUNITY PARK
- 4 BURROWING OWL PARK
- 5 RAMBLEWOOD PARK
- 6 ROY RAMBO PARK
- 7 FRIEND PARK
- 8 IRA VAN BULLOCK PARK
- 9 OASIS PARK
- 10 BOWMAN PARK
- 11 HEATHER ESTATES PARK
- 12 EMPIRE PARK
- 13 GLADIATOR PARK

FACILITY RENTAL INFORMATION

The City of Greenacres rents facilities to the public on a space available basis for meetings, birthdays and other similar functions. The following is a list of the facilities available to rent. For more information call 642-2090. NO ALCOHOL ALLOWED.



Community Center, 501 Swain Blvd

- Gymnasium (387 occupancy) \$100/hr
- Room #1 (40 occupancy) \$50/hr
- Rooms #2 & #3 (28 occupancy) \$35/hr
- Food Prep Area \$10hr

Community Park Pavilion

- Hours 11:30 am - 5:30 pm
- 60' Pavilion overlooking the water
- Refundable Security Deposit - \$150
- \$150/ 6 hours



Freedom Park Pavilion

* Large

- Hours 11:30 am - 6:30 pm
- 44' Pavilion overlooking the water
- Refundable Security Deposit - \$150
- \$150/ 6 hours

* Small

- Hours 11:30 am - 6:30 pm
- 36' Pavilion
- Refundable Security Deposit - \$150
- \$90/ 6 hours

ADA COMPLIANCE- The City of Greenacres complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Public Law 101-366 (ADA), prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability. No qualified individual with a disability shall, by reason of such disability, be excluded from participation in or be denied the benefits of services, programs, or activities of a public entity, or be subjected to discrimination by any such entity.

If you require special assistance in order to participate in any of our programs, please contact Leisure Services at (561) 642-2181 at least one week prior to the start of the program. www.ci.greenacres.fl.us

FACILITIES

Community Center
642-2090
501 Swain Boulevard,
Greenacres, FL 33463

Monday -Thursday
9:00 am – 9:00 pm
Friday 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
Saturday
9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Leisure Services
642-2181
525 Swain Boulevard,
Greenacres, FL 33463

Monday - Friday
8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Youth Programs

Community Hall
642-2193
501 Martin Avenue,
Greenacres, FL 33463

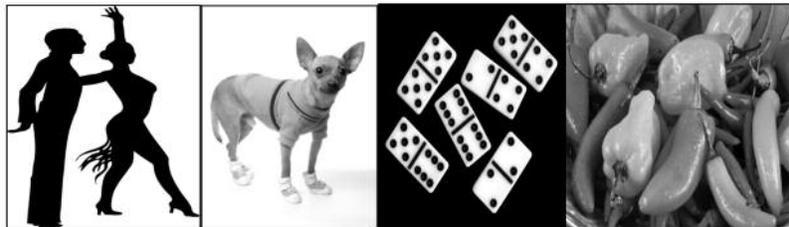
Visit us on the City of Greenacres web site:
www.ci.greenacres.fl.us





SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2007 12-10PM

GREENACRES COMMUNITY PARK 2095 JOG ROAD
GREENACRES FL 33463



***Salsa Dance Contest*Chihuahau Race*Dominoe
Tournament*Salsa Cook-Off *Rides* Games*Sport Zone*
Cultural Presentations* All Day Entertainment***

Tickets: \$8.00 /Adults

Contact Info:

(561)790-6200

www.palmswest.co



Children under 10 FREE



(Children Are Really Extra Special)

A YEAR-ROUND CHILDCARE PROGRAM

The Greenacres C.A.R.E.S. program is now accepting registrations for elementary school age children. This program is for working parents who want a safe, affordable and structured environment for their child. License #50-51-00526.

- Hours of operation: 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm during school days and 7:30 am – 6:00 pm during school holidays and summer.
- Contact the Leisure Services Department at 561-642-2193 for further registration information.
- Transportation provided daily from Greenacres, Liberty Park, Cholee Lake, Heritage, and Diamond View Elementary Schools.
- Some activities include Computers, Athletics, Karate, Homework assistance, Cooking, and Cultural and Art activities.
- Fees are based on a sliding scale according to household income.



Cool Zone

Cool Zone offers 6th, 7th and 8th grade students a supervised, safe, comfortable, and fun environment.

- Hours of operation: 4:30 pm – 7:30 pm, Monday through Friday during school days.
- Transportation provided daily from L.C. Swain, Okeehetee, and Tradewinds Middle Schools
- Professional instruction for: cooking, dancing, athletics, arts, and adolescent life skills
- Free FCAT tutoring
- Homework assistance from staff and volunteers
- Field trips
- Community service opportunities offered throughout the year
- Arts and crafts
- Board games
- Sports
- Video games
- Movies



Active members may take part in the Advisory Council and help plan trips and activities. Registration fee \$25.00 per family per program. For more information, call 642-2197.

Cool Zone is partially funded by a grant through the Palm Beach County Children's Services Council. License # 50-51-00526

HOT SPOT

Hot Spot is a FREE program for teenagers between the ages of 14 to 17.

Hot Spot is held in the Greenacres Community Center, located 501 Swain Blvd., Monday thru Thursday 6:00-8:30 pm (excluding holidays).

Teens participate in a variety of games, including billiards, table tennis, foosball, board games, cards, video games, homework assistance, and career exploration. On special nights the teens participate in tournaments, contests, and sports.

Hot Spot also has an Advisory Council where members can earn volunteer service hours for High School and College. Advisory Council members also have a chance to attend field trips free of charge including: South Florida Fair, Rapids Water Park, bowling, movies, Islands of Adventure, and others.

Special points of interest:

Community Service Opportunities available.

Field trips.

Career exploration

Registration fee is \$25.00 per student.

For more information, call 641-3499 or 642-2181.

YOUTH Camps

(K-5TH & 6TH-8TH GRADE)

Registration fee \$25.00 per family/ per program.

Winter Camp

Date- December 26th – January 4th

Cost - \$175.00

Registration begins November 14, 2007.

Spring Camp

Date - April 7th – April 11th

Cost - \$125.00

Registration begins March 7, 2008.

Summer Camp (9 Weeks)

Dates- June 11th – August 15th

Cost- \$350.00 (June), \$550.00

(July), \$275.00 (Aug)

Registration begins March 29, 2008

**For more information on Youth Camps,
call 642-2181.**

YOUTH Athletics

YOUTH FLAG FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Children will be divided into the following age groups: 7-9 years old, 10-12 years old, and 13-16 years old. The league age is determined by the child's age as of September 1. Registration fees include a uniform shirt and awards.

- **Weekday evenings and Saturdays**
- **August - November**
- **\$70 Residents/\$85 Non-residents**

CHEERLEADING PROGRAM

Cheerleaders cheer for the members of the flag football teams at Saturday games. They learn cheers from the coaches and a trained cheerleading instructor. Cheerleading is open to children ages 6 to 13. The league age is determined by the child's age as of September 1. Registration fees include a T-shirt, skirt, pom-poms, and awards.

- **Weekday evenings and Saturdays**
- **August – November**
- **\$60 residents/\$75 non-residents**

If you are interested in coaching a cheerleading squad or a flag football team, call the Leisure Services Department at 642-2181.

One child's registration fee will be waived for parents who coach.

(All coaches must successfully pass a background check)

GREENACRES LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL

The Greenacres Little League Association offers T-ball, Coach Pitch, Minor, Major, and Senior Leagues. Call the Little League office at 965-5750 for more information.

YOUTH Classes

All youth classes are held at Greenacres Community Center located at 501 Swain Blvd. For more information please visit our website at www.ci.greenacres.fl.us or call 642-2090.

KARATE

Learn the proper techniques to form a well-rounded fighting system suited for any situation. Sensei Jeff Kelljchian



offers many years of knowledge and experience to his students. He has over 32 years of experience as a Martial-Arts instructor and has competed on a professional level.

- Ages 5 - 13
- Mondays and Wednesdays
- 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

BALLET & TAP DANCE CLASS

Start your child on a fabulous journey of dance, music, and song with Miss Cathy's Ballet and Tap Class. Your child will develop poise and confidence as they have fun learning new dances and all of the ballet and tap steps while doing so.

- 3-4 year old class 10:00-11:00 am
- 5-6 year old class 9:00-10:00 am
- 1st four Saturdays of each month

GOTTA DANCE

This is an intensive and energetic dance program, targeting motivated dancers eager to expand their horizons. There are lessons in classical and lyrical ballet, as well as Broadway and funky jazz. Participation in dynamic town and school events is encouraged. This is the perfect preparatory dance class for any student considering enrolling into a magnet dance program.

- Ages 6-9
- Tuesdays
- 6:15 - 7:15 pm
- Ages 9 and over
- Tuesdays
- 7:15- 8:15 pm

ADULT Classes

Adult classes are held at Greenacres Community Center located at 501 Swain Blvd. For more information please visit our website at www.ci.greenacres.fl.us or call 642-2090.

SELF DEFENSE/KARATE CLASS

Sensei Jeff Kelljchian, a 4th Degree Black Belt, has over 32 years of knowledge, experience teaching as a Martial Arts instructor, and has competed on a profes-



sional level. Karate builds strong minds and strong bodies and helps develop confidence through **self-defense**. Learn to control your life, build discipline and inner strength. Enjoy other benefits from the class: *Physical Conditioning* Self Defense* Self Confidence * Self Discipline *Self Respect *Inner Strength and more.

CHALLENGE YOURSELF!

- Mondays and Wednesday
- 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

TAI-CHI

The Chinese have practiced tai chi chuan and qi gong for thousands of years. Why? Because it works! Tai chi improves balance and coordination, and aids relaxation and concentration. Learn tai chi for health, for fun, for life.

- Tuesdays and Thursdays
- 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

ADULT *Classes*

JAZZERCISE

When you love your workout, results come easy. Jazzercise combines elements of jazz dance, resistance training, Pilates, yoga, kickboxing, and more to create truly effective programs for people of every age and fitness level. So come on in and get started now! Call Kim Wilson for details at 967-3494.

- Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays Evenings
- 6:00-7:00 pm
- Saturdays
- 9:00 –10:00 am

ADULT SALSA CASINO

Salsa Dance is a fun way to exercise, meet new friends and learn the exciting hot Latin dance known as Salsa. Easy step by step instruction will have you dancing as early as the very first class. You will learn basic step patterns with a single partner for one to one dancing, partner leading/following skills, multiple turns, and the fun salsa rueda (wheel). Whether you've never danced salsa before or you want to expand your dance ability with learning more turns and style, this class is for you.

- Ages 18 and up
- Tuesday and Thursday nights
- 7:15 pm-8:45 pm

WATERCOLOR

Come join Watercolor Artist Ana Noble in this exciting watercolor class. Paint along as the instructor guides you, and as a bonus you'll be able to take home a painting after each class.

- 1st three Thursdays and 4th Wednesday
- 10:00 am-12:00 pm

ADULT *Athletics*

ADULT CO-ED SOFTBALL LEAGUE

League games are played on weeknights from October through December at Greenacres Freedom Park. This is a mixed Class "D" League with a maximum of ten teams and a 60 minute time limit for games.

- Weekday evenings
- October through December
- \$650 per team

SENIOR *Activities*

SENIOR MEAL PROGRAM

Join your friends for a daily lunch. The City of Greenacres is proud to host the Palm Beach County



Division of Senior Services, Senior Congregate Meal Program at Greenacres Community Center. Come early and work on your craft project; enjoy a game of bingo, cards with your friends or maybe a game of Scrabble. The program is available to those individuals that are 60 years of age and over (and to spouses under 60). All meals provided will be based on an American – type menu.

All interested participants must be registered through the Division of Senior Services at (561) 355-4755 in order to be eligible. Contact them for more information, or call the city at (561) 642-2090.

- Monday through Friday
- 12:00 noon - 2:00 pm
- Informative guest speakers
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Cards, Games, Puzzles, Bingo, Socialization and more!

COMMUNITY

Events

2007-2008 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY 16

Daddy/Daughter Dance | 6:30-9:00 pm

"Spend an enchanted evening with your special date." you and your father, grand father uncle or special male will enjoy food, dancing, & games.

NOVEMBER 3

Salsa Fest | 12:00-10:00 pm

Enjoy a "Little Havana" atmosphere with Salsa Dancing, entertainment food, Cantina's, games, domino tables, amusement rides.

MARCH 22

Egg'stravaganza | 10:00-1:00 pm

Hunt for special prizeeggs, go on a hay ride and enjoy pictures with the Easter bunny.

MAY 18

Rock N' Roll Sunday | Noon-6:00 pm

The annual benefit for Veterans is a celebration of rock n' roll, classic cars food, and motorcycles.

JULY 4

Ignite the Nite | 5:30-10:00 pm

Specialty entertainment, children's activities, food, & fireworks.

GET INVOLVED WITH THE COMMUNITY!!

Get involved in a Sponsorship endeavor with the City. This publication alone is sent to over 16,000 residences and businesses within the City. Our annual community events attract over 12,000 spectators from all over Palm Beach County. We are looking for co-sponsors for "Egg'stravaganza" and our very popular "Ignite The Nite" July 4th event! Call Becky Gunter at 642-2181 for more information on how you can get involved.

VOLUNTEER EVENT ASSISTANTS NEEDED!!

Would you like to get an inside view of how events are put together? The City is looking for Volunteer Event Assistants for our Community Events. If you are interested please call Becky Gunter at 642-2181.

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