



Shore Lines

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2011 DROUGHT



Extremely low rainfall totals at the onset of the wet season have intensified ongoing drought conditions. The wet season is off to its driest start in more than 20 years, following below-normal rainfall levels that began in October. Persistent rainfall is needed to replenish groundwater, canal and lake levels that are visibly depleted.

While water supplies are low now, this is a temporary condition. Florida's natural environment is one of extremes, swinging from excessive rains to drought every few years. The biggest challenge faced by residents of South Florida is learning to use water wisely so we have ample supplies through the natural drought cycles. On average, Florida receives only 30 percent of its annual rainfall during the seven-month dry season, which typically stretches until May or mid June. This means that we receive the least amount of rainfall during the winter and springs months-the same period when we face increases in water demand due to the influx of seasonal residents, tourists, and increased irrigation. This link to our website offers ideas for water conservation.

[Water conservation is the best way to stretch our water supply during this time of year.](#)

We are currently under water restrictions that allow for irrigation twice a week as noted below. These restrictions apply to all sources of water for irrigation including wells, canals and lakes.

Odd-numbered street addresses may water lawns and landscapes on **Wednesdays** and **Saturdays** from 12 AM to 10 AM or from 4 PM to 11:59 PM.

Even-numbered street addresses may water lawns and landscapes on **Thursdays** and **Sundays** from 12 AM to 10 AM or from 4 PM to 11:59 PM.

Watering is not allowed between 10 AM and 4 PM.

Drip, bubble and micro-jet systems that apply water directly to root plant zones may be used anytime. Any low-volume system should not produce water runoff.

Using a watering can or hand-watering with a hose and attached adjustable spray or trigger nozzle is allowed.

Frequently Asked Questions About the Water Shortage



Q: I water my lawn from a well, canal, pond or surface lake. Do these restrictions apply to me?

A: Yes. Surface and groundwater sources are connected so removing water from one source affects the others. Water in lakes and canals helps to protect private and public drinking water wells from saltwater intrusion, and stores rainfall to recharge wells and aquifers.

Q: Can I hand water my lawn?

A: Yes. You can hand water stressed plants using a single hose with an attached automatic shut-off or trigger nozzle at anytime.

Q: When can I wash my car or boat?

A: Anytime. Vehicle washing is not restricted, but voluntary conservation is encouraged. When washing a car, park it over a non-paved or porous surface to reduce water runoff and always attach an automatic shut-off or trigger nozzle to your hose. Limit boat rinsing to 15 minutes after it has been in salt water.

Q: When can I use a water pressure cleaner?

A: Anytime. Pressure washing is not restricted. Use low-volume equipment that produces water pressure of 1,000 pounds per square inch to 4,000 pounds per square inch. Channel runoff water onto the grass or another non-paved surface.

Q: How often should I irrigate my lawn?

A: Proper irrigation is based on the amount of water each lawn needs. Lawns and landscape typically need to receive only three-quarters to an inch of water each week. This usually means a maximum of two hours of irrigation per week, or a maximum of 15 minutes per irrigation zone for each water application. The lawn may not need to be watered at all if it has rained during the week.

Q: Is there an exemption from water restrictions for irrigation systems with rainfall shut-off devices and/or soil sensors?

A: During a declared water shortage, like the one now affecting South Florida, there is no exemption from water restrictions.

LAKE CLARKE WATER LEVEL INFORMATION

The Town has talked with South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) Staff, Lake Worth Drainage District (LWDD) Staff, and with Palm Beach County (PBC). SFWMD has a limited ability to add water to the C-51 Basin System, which they do at 20 Mile Bend Park, but it takes time to get that water to the lake and could be used by others before it gets to us.

Lake Clarke is tied directly to a variety of other water bodies all encompassed within the C-51 Basin. That means that many agencies have the ability to affect the lake level. SFWMD controls the S155 structure and can release water to tide, but they have assured us that it hasn't happened since last October. They have a staff gauge that provides real time reporting of the water surface elevation of Lake Clarke on their web site. The link is below. Look for S155

http://www.sfwmd.gov/portal/pls/portal/realtime.realtime_app.rtv2?p_op=WEST_PALM_BEACH

There are a number of well fields that withdraw water for potable drinking water purposes that lay alongside a canal and thousands of yard irrigation pumps. Those withdrawals indirectly affect the lake level either by taking water from the canal before it gets to the Lake or by pulling water out of the Lake to refill the canals. The Lake level can change as much as 3 or 4 inches a day (either up or down) because of these water demands.

Boaters—Please be careful when launching your boats. This fluctuation in the Lake level greatly affects our Boat Ramp.

BUDGET WORKSHOP AND TOWN COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

JULY—A Budget Workshop will be held on Tuesday July 19th, 2011 at 6:30 PM. The Town Council Meeting will immediately follow the Budget Workshop.

AUGUST— A second Budget Workshop will be held on Tuesday, August 9th, 2011 at 6:30 PM. The Town Council Meeting will immediately follow the Budget Workshop.

SEPTEMBER— The Town Council will be holding Public Budget Hearings at 6:30 PM immediately followed by the Town Council Meetings.

**1st Public Budget Hearing and Town Council Meeting
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2011**

**2nd Public Budget Hearing and Town Council Meeting
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2011**

COUNCIL ACTIONS

**At the May 10, 2011
Town Council Meeting
The Following Action Was Taken:**

Approved the April 7, 2011 Workshop Minutes.

Approved the Minutes of the April 12, 2011 Town Council Meeting which continued on April 26, 2011.

Approved reappointment of the following:
Town Clerk, Mary Pinkerman
Chief of Police, Wes Smith

Approved Resolution #11-11 Expressing appreciation for services rendered by the volunteers during the Town's 18th annual barbeque.

Approved Resolution #11-12 Expressing appreciation for donations for the Town's 18th annual barbeque.

Approved Resolution #11-14 Expressing appreciation to Regency Party Rentals for their assistance in reducing the costs associated with the 18th annual barbeque.

Approved Resolution #11-15 Appointing a representative and alternate representatives to the Palm Beach County League of Cities, Inc.

Approved Resolution #11-16 Appointing members to the Code Enforcement Board.

Approved Resolution #11-17 Appointing members to the Zoning Board of Adjustments.

COUNCIL ACTIONS (Continued)

Approved Proclamation declaring May 2011 as National Neurofibromatosis (NF) Awareness Month.

Approval of Interlocal Agreement between Palm Beach County and the Town of Lake Clarke Shores which allows the Town access to the Palm Beach County Dialogic Geographic-based Alert and Notification System.

Approved Renewal of Agreement for monthly janitorial services with LM Cleaning Service in the amount of \$504 per month.

Approved Friday, June 3, 2011 Children's Movie Night.

Approved Forfeiture expenditure in the amount of \$1,237.90 for the Police Department purchase of a taser and camera to be used by the Lake Clarke Shores Police Department.

Approved Forfeiture expenditure in the amount of \$499.75 for the Police Department purchase of a custom built cabinet for the evidence processing area used by the Lake Clarke Shores Police Department.

Approved Forfeiture expenditure in the amount of \$818.94 for the Police Department purchase of five (5) sets of collapsible safety cones to be used by the Lake Clarke Shores Police Department.

COUNCIL ACTIONS

**At the June 14, 2011
Town Council Meeting
The Following Action Was Taken:**

Approval of the Minutes of the May 10, 2011 Town Council Meeting.

Approval of the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Palm Beach County and the Town of Lake Clarke Shores to participate in the Urban County Program for FY 2012 - 2014 which will enable the Town to access funds under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Home Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program and Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) Program as a part of the Palm Beach County Entitlement Jurisdiction. In addition, by participating with the County, the Town will be automatically eligible to receive any economic stimulus or disaster recovery funding which is distributed to the County by the Federal Government.

Approval of Resolution #11-13 – Expressing Appreciation for the Goods, Equipment and Services Rendered for the Town's 6th Annual Waterway Cleanup.

Approval of Resolution #11-18 – Expressing Appreciation for the Goods, Equipment and Services Rendered for the 4th Annual Bass Fishing Tournament.

Approval of Resolution #11-19 – Expressing Appreciation to Patrick Ward for his service on the Code Enforcement Board.

Approval of Resolution #11-20 – Declaring an emergency and authorizing the purchase of a server, computers, installation and maintenance services, from netDirectives Technologies, Inc. for use within the Police Department in an amount not to exceed \$35,000, using money from unappropriated funds.

COUNCIL ACTIONS

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Approval of forfeiture expenditure in the amount of \$3,000 for Big Couch Media Group LLC, to redesign the Police Department and Town web site that will allow the public to interact with the Police Department and Town during a natural disaster.

Approval of Police Department's disposal of old wheel guns and two rifles as a trade to a licensed gun dealer for an AR-15 rifle with no additional cost involved.

Approved 2012 event dates:

5th Annual "Loop around the Lake" – Saturday, February 11

Children's Movie Nights – March 16, June 8 and November

19th Annual Barbecue – Sunday, March 18

7th Annual Waterway Cleanup – Saturday, April 21

5th Annual Bass Fishing Tournament – Saturday, April 28

14th Annual "Holidays in Paradise" Parade – Saturday, December 1

7th Annual Christmas Tree Decorating & Lighting – Saturday, December 1

All meetings are subject to change. Please see the Town's website for the most up-to-date information.

CODE ENFORCEMENT MEETING DATES

Monday July 25, 2011 ~ 6:30 PM

Monday August 22, 2011 ~ 6:30 PM

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS MEETINGS

(ONLY IF NEEDED)

Thursday September 8, 2011 ~ 6:30 PM

Thursday November 10, 2011 ~ 6:30 PM

CODE ENFORCEMENT AND HOW THE PROCESS WORKS

The Code Enforcement Division is responsible for making sure that the residents, property owners, and businesses comply with Town codes.

When there is a code violation, a Code Enforcement Officer will issue a NOTICE OF VIOLATION (NOV). The NOV will state what the violation is and give a specific number of days to correct the violation. The Officer will re-inspect the property to determine if the violation has been corrected by the designated time. Some violations can be addressed instantly such as illegal watering and other violations may take several days or weeks to resolve.

If the violation is not corrected within the time designated, the Officer will issue a NOTICE OF HEARING TO APPEAR BEFORE THE CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD. The Board meets once a month at Town Hall to rule on code violation cases. The Code Enforcement Board DOES NOT have the authority to change codes. They hear testimony from the Town and the alleged violators. It is important for you, as the home owner, to attend the meeting if you get a NOTICE. Formal rules of evidence do not apply during these proceedings, but fundamental due process is observed. The Code Board can give additional time for property owners to comply, impose daily fines as great as \$250 per violation per day and even authorize liens to be placed against the property, if the property does not come into compliance within the time given.

The Code Enforcement Officer may issue a Notice of Violation based upon her own observation of a problem or in response to a complaint received about a possible violation. Code violation complaints should be reported to the Code Enforcement Division at 561-964-1515 ext. 23. When you call, please make sure you provide the correct address of the possible violation, a clear description of the problem, and your name and phone number if you want us to return your call. Please remember complaints are part of the public record. We investigate all code complaints we receive.

CODE ENFORCEMENT AND HOW THE PROCESS WORKS

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MOST COMMON CODE VIOLATIONS

1. Landscaping problems such as:
 - Allowing grass, hedges and/or weeds to grow too high. Sec. 26-26 (4)
 - Bare areas in your lawn and/or having dead grass. Sec. 26-26 (3)
 - Allowing vegetation to obstruct the visibility of motorists. Sec. 82-64
 - Removing trees without first obtaining required Town permits. Sec. 10-62 (a)
2. Maintaining your property below minimum standards. Sec. 26-26 (3) & Sec. 26-26 (9)
3. Watering Violations. Sec 58-42
4. Parking a motor home, boat, trailer or other recreational vehicle in the front yard or on the side yard in front of the building line or in an area that is not screened from the neighbor's view. Sec. 86-508 (d) (2)
5. Failing to obtain necessary Town permits for garage sales and/or capital outdoor sales and construction / renovation / repairs. Failing to obtain required inspections for all building permits. Sec. 86-467, Sec. 10-62 & Sec. 10-68
6. Debris in yard. Debris could include trash, building materials, litter, etc. Sec. 26-26 (10)
7. Open storage in view of public. Sec. 26-26 (7)

All of the Towns Codes are online at

<http://library.municode.com/index.aspx?clientID=12818&stateID=9&statename=Florida>

CODE VIOLATIONS BY THE NUMBERS

From January 1, 2011 to June 28, 2011, the Town has issued 445 NOV's. Only 39 of the NOV's have been referred to the Code Board for Hearing. A majority of our residents just need a reminder that they are violating the code and need to come into compliance. Of the 445 NOV's issued, 189 are for landscaping and yard maintenance (items 1 and 2 above); 122 water violations have been issued (item 3) and 64 boat parking violations (item 4 above).

SCHOOL UNIFORM INITIATIVE



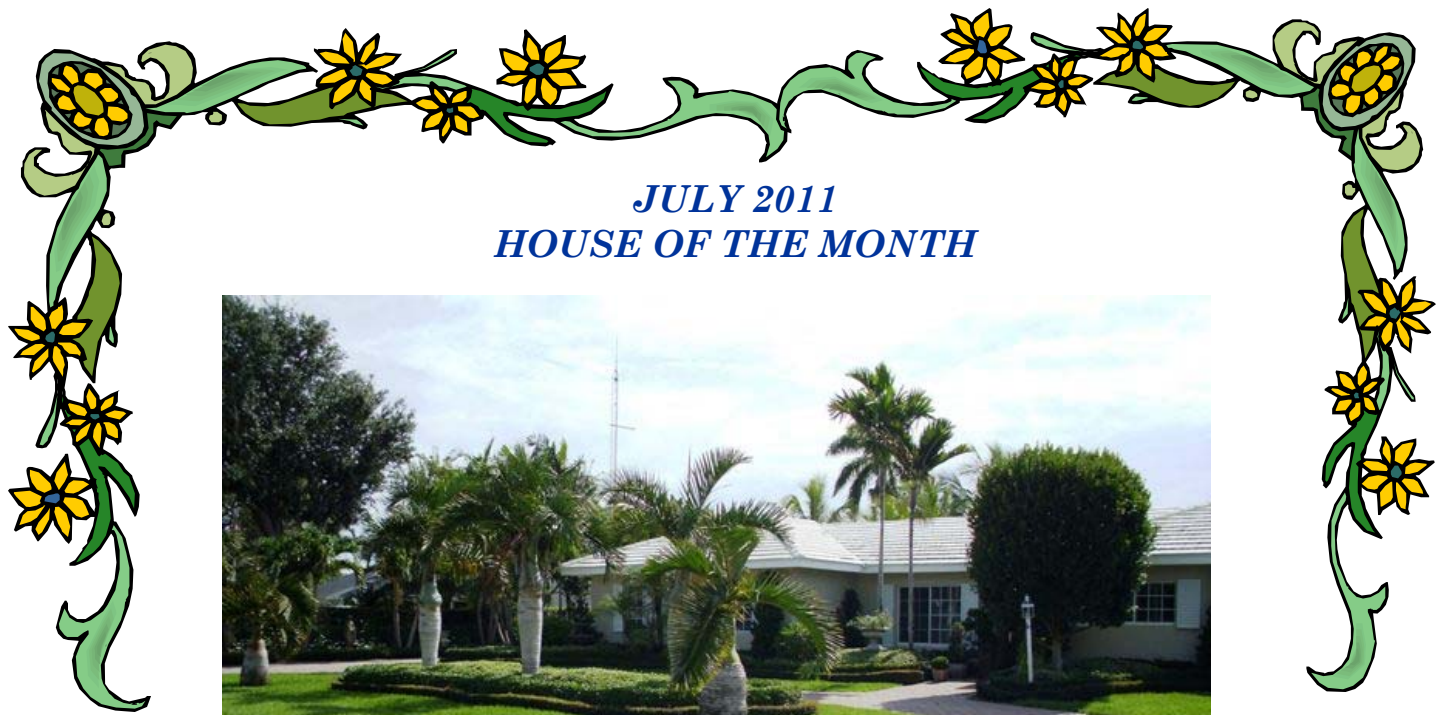
The Lake Clarke Shores Town Hall will be a Uniform Collection Location for the *School Uniform Initiative*.

More and more of Palm Beach County's schools are requiring their students to wear uniforms. The uniforms reduce problems at schools associated with gangs and gang colors, dress code infractions, and bullying. In the current economic climate it is difficult for some families to afford the required uniforms.

The *School Uniform Initiative* collects used uniforms, reconditions them, and then distributes them to financially needy families free of charge.

Items needed for collection: Pants, shorts, skirts, jumpers, and skorts in navy blue, dark green, and beige. Collared shirts, blouses in solid colors (white, light blue, navy blue, pink, green, orange, red, green, maroon, etc.). Sizes: children's size 5 through adult size extra large.

The *School Uniform Initiative* will end on August 5, 2011.



*JULY 2011
HOUSE OF THE MONTH*



7650 Edgewater Drive

PARK NEWS

New Additions to Community Park

With the assistance of Palm Beach County funding, the Town is pleased to announce new playground additions to Community Park. The park now includes a new playground for children ages 2-5. The playground is surrounded by a chain link fence with a gate to ensure the safety of the children. There is also a new turtle park pet as well as a new spring rider. Benches, additional landscaping, and a shade structure have been added.

STOP BY AND ENJOY YOUR PARK!

1700 Carandis Road

BEFORE PARK DEVELOPMENT



AFTER PARK DEVELOPMENT



NPDES

SAVE THE SWALES

WHY MANAGE RUNOFF? When land is converted from its natural state to other uses, especially urban land uses such as roads, homes, and shopping centers, many impervious or paved surfaces are created. Rainfall can no longer soak into the ground. Instead it becomes stormwater or runoff. As land is developed, the volume, speed of flow, and pollutant loading of runoff increases. To minimize downstream flooding and protect lives and property, and to reduce pollution of water bodies, stormwater management practices are used to retain, detain, and/or filter the runoff.

WHAT IS A SWALE? Swales are one of the most commonly used stormwater practices. For many years they have been used along rural highways and residential streets to convey runoff. Today, swales not only convey stormwater but also help to treat runoff to reduce pollutants. Like ditches, swales collect stormwater from roads, driveways, parking lots and other hard surfaces.

Unlike ditches, swales are not deep with straight sides. They have gently sloping sides and are wider than they are deep. They are vegetated to prevent the slopes from eroding and to help filter pollutants during and after rainstorms.

WHY ARE SWALES IMPORTANT? Because swales are wider than they are deep (usually a 6:1 ratio), the rainwater is spread over a broader area. This slows the water and allows the runoff to temporarily pond. Reducing the water's speed allows the vegetation to filter the rainwater and remove sediments, heavy metals, and hydrocarbons such as oil and grease. Ponding of runoff in the swale allows the water to soak into the soil, helping to reduce the volume and amount of pollutants.

The gradual sloping sides of the swale make them easier to maintain and vegetate. This decreases erosion that causes sedimentation of streams, lakes and wetlands. Swale blocks or raised driveway culverts sometimes are used to promote ponding of runoff in the swale, especially when the swale has a steep slope. Swale blocks or check dams can be made of soil, wood, or concrete.

MAINTAIN YOUR SWALE:

- Mow the swale but be careful to not damage swale blocks.
- Remove and then compost leaves and grass clippings.
- Keep good grass growth.
- Minimize use of fertilizers, pesticides, and herbicides.
- Aerate soils to restore percolation rate.

DO NOT MISUSE YOUR SWALE:

- Do not pile garbage, trash, leaves, limbs or garden debris in swales—that adds pollutants which can wash into downstream waters.
- Do not pave the swale—this reduces percolation of runoff.
- Do not park vehicles in the swale—this compacts the soil so less runoff soaks in.

LET THE WATER POND:

- Runoff should temporarily pond in the swale for 24 to 36 hours.
- Don't damage or remove swale blocks or check dams.
- Don't increase driveway culvert sizes.
- Don't lower driveway culverts.

UPCOMING EVENTS



November 2011 (Date to be determined)
Children's Movie Night

December 3, 2011
*13th Annual "Holidays in Paradise"
 Parade*

December 3, 2011
*6th Annual Christmas Tree Decorating &
 Lighting*

December 13, 2011
Holiday Home Decoration Judging

Remember to check the Town Events on
 the website for up-to-date information.

**BOOKMOBILE SCHEDULE
 FOR 2011**

**Mondays 10:45 – 11:30 AM
 TOWN HALL**

July 18th
 August 1st and 15th and 29th
 September 12th and 26th
 October 24th

Important Contact Information

Emergency.....911
 Police Dispatch.....964-1114
 Town Hall/Police Office.....964-1515
 Police Department Fax.....439-6778
 Code Enforcement.....964-1515 ext. 23
 Town Hall Fax.....964-0685
 LCS Water Department.....642-7870
 Police After 4:00 PM & Weekends.....964-1114

After Hours Phone Numbers

If you need to speak with an Officer after hours, please call 964-1114. This number is a recorded line with time and date, answered by dispatch. An Officer will call you back or be dispatched to you.

ALL EMERGENCIES DIAL 911

TOWN OFFICIALS

Gregory P. Freebold. Valentin Rodriguez, Jr. Thomas C. Mayes, Jr. Malcolm K. Lewis Robert M. W. Shalhoub Daniel P. Clark Mary Pinkerman Wes Smith	Mayor Vice Mayor President Pro Tem Council Member Council Member Town Administrator Town Clerk Chief of Police
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