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PUBLIC BUDGET HEARINGS TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

There will be 2 Town Council Meetings in September.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2011 - 6:30 PM

1st Public Budget Hearing

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED BY

Regular Town Council Meeting

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2011 - 6:30 PM

2nd Public Budget Hearing

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED BY

Regular Town Council Meeting

Upcoming Events

November 4, 2011 - 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

Check the website for additional information

www.townoflakeclarkeshores.com

FLOOD HAZARD INFORMATION

FEMA EDUCATION INFORMATION

As a member of the National Flood Insurance Program, the Town has educational materials pertaining to floodplain management available in the lobby at Town Hall.

- *Repairing Your Flood Damaged Home*
- *National Flood Insurance Guide*
- *Managing Your Flood Insurance Claim*
- *Flood Preparation and Safety*
- *Myths and Facts about the National Flood Insurance Program*

For phone numbers and other quick links go to: www.fema.gov
www.pbclibrary.org/grs-fema.htm
www.townoflakeclarkeshores.com
www.floodsmart.gov
www.redcross.org/services
www.floridadisaster.org/index.asp can go to Flood tab on left side bar

LOCAL FLOOD HAZARDS

The Town of Lake Clarke Shores is comprised of the following flood zones: AH, B or C – depending on the location of the property. The Town has, in the past, experienced localized flooding during periods of heavy or extended rainfall. The following canals pass through or border our town: Lake Worth Drainage District L-7, L-8, L-9, L-10 and E-4 canals, South Florida Water Management District C-51 Canal, and the Town of Lake Clarke Shores WL, WS, F, 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 canals.

Lake Clarke and Mango Lake are also within the Town limits.

The Town has Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) available for review at the Town Hall. Town staff is available to answer your questions

concerning flood zones, special flood hazard areas and other flood information. Various flood protection pamphlets are also available at the Town Hall. You are welcome to come in and ask for copies of these items.

For more information go to: www.fema.gov/hazard/flood/index.shtml

FLOOD WARNING SYSTEM

Palm Beach County Emergency Management maintains direct contact with the National Weather Service (NWS) during flood or other weather related emergencies.

In the event of an emergency, the residents of Lake Clarke Shores should stay tuned to local TV or radio stations known to have an active news bureau or to a NOAA weather radio for weather information. Suggested television stations include WPTV Channel 5; WPEC Channel 12; WPBF Channel 25 or WFLX Channel 29. Suggested radio stations include WIRK 107.9 FM; WRMF 97.9 FM; WEAT 104.3 FM and WJNO 1090 AM. Evacuation routes will be announced when an evacuation order is issued. Main evacuation routes for Lake Clarke Shores include Forest Hill Blvd and I-95. The Lake Clarke Shores Police Department would also use loudspeakers to provide residents with evacuation information, if necessary.

Lake Clarke Shores also utilizes the GeoCast Web Notification System in conjunction with the Palm Beach County Regional Alert and Notification System. By using this system, the Town would inform residents of emergency situations by telephone. Contact the Town Hall to receive information on adding your unlisted or cell phone number to the Town's GeoCast database.

For more information go to: www.fema.gov/emergency/ipaws

FLOOD SAFETY

Flooding happens - It is one of nature's unpredictable acts. Flooding can happen to any property anytime. Here are some things you can do to protect yourself and your home:

Keep an inventory of your valuables by making a list or taking a video of your possessions in and around your home. Keep this in a safe place.

Keep important papers (insurance policy, receipts, warranties, mortgage papers, etc.) somewhere high and dry, like a safe deposit box in a bank or store them on the top shelf of your closet.

If flooding does occur, stay away from electrical outlets, appliances, and any outdoor downed wires. For power outage help call FPL at 1-800-4OUTAGE.

Avoid driving through flooded streets. A car can hydroplane on wet roadways. It takes less than two feet of water to lift up and move a car.

Purchasing flood insurance can save you thousands in the event of a flood. Flood insurance costs approximately three hundred fifty dollars a year. The damages from a flood of only two inches can cause approximately seventy eight hundred dollars in repairs and replacement cost. For more information on the cost of flooding go to the official computer site for the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) at www.floodsmart.gov.

Contact your insurance carrier for information on purchasing flood insurance. If you need help in finding a flood insurance company you can call the National Flood Insurance Program at: 1-888-435-6637 or 1-888-379-9531.

*For information on flood safety go to:
www.fema.gov/hazard/flood/fl_during.shtm and
www.fema.gov/hazard/flood/fl_after.shtm*

FLOOD INSURANCE

Everyone has some risk of flooding no matter where your property is located. Did you know that there is a 26% chance of experiencing a flood during the life of a 30-year mortgage or that your standard homeowner insurance policy does not cover flood losses? It is important to protect your home or business from flood damage by purchasing flood insurance. Flood Insurance is relatively inexpensive compared to the cost of possible repairs.

The Town of Lake Clarke Shores participates in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) administers this program. NFIP offers reasonably priced flood insurance in communities that comply with minimum standards for floodplain management. The NFIP's Community Rating System (CRS) recognizes community efforts beyond those minimum standards by reducing flood insurance premiums to residents of that community. The CRS assigns credit points based on additional flood protection activities that communities provide to help save lives and property in the event of a flood. Lake Clarke Shores currently has a rating of 8, which means that town residents owning property located in a special flood hazard area can save 10% on their flood insurance.

Contact your insurance carrier to obtain more information on protecting your property with flood insurance. NOTE: It takes 30 days for a flood insurance policy to go into effect.

*For more information on flood insurance costs and coverage, go to
www.fema.gov/assistance/index.shtm*

PROPERTY PROTECTION MEASURES

Residents and business owners can minimize damage to their structure by following these tips:

Electric panel boxes, water heaters, washer/dryers and other types of electrical equipment or appliances should be elevated or moved to a location that would be less likely to flood.

Keep plywood, plastic sheeting and lumber handy to protect windows and to make quick repairs.

Use sandbags to protect your home from floodwaters.

Put essential items and furniture in a place above floor level or move them to an upper floor, to protect them from floodwaters.

Place important papers and other valuables in plastic garbage bags or watertight containers. Very important papers such as birth certificates, passports, insurance papers, titles, etc. should be placed in a smaller waterproof container and taken with you if floodwaters force you to evacuate.

Install storm shutters or use plywood to cover windows and/or doors. Reinforce garage doors, if needed.

To prevent outdoor items such as garden equipment, lawn ornaments, outdoor furniture and garbage cans from being damaged or causing any damage, bring these items inside or secure them by tying them down.

Reduce the impact of flooding by retrofitting your structure. You can pick up a copy of "Homeowner's Guide to Retrofitting," as well as other helpful FEMA brochures, at the Town Hall.

*For more information on flood insurance costs and coverage, go to
www.fema.gov/about/divisions/mitigation or www.fema.gov/plan/index.shtm*

NATURAL AND BENEFICIAL FUNCTIONS OF THE LOCAL FLOODPLAIN

The Town of Lake Clarke Shores utilizes swales to collect storm water and carry it away from homes. Because the swales are wider than they are deep, the storm water is spread over a broader area. This allows the water to drain into the adjacent soil. During times of heavy rains, the swales direct the water into the storm drains, canals and lakes that surround the area to prevent flooding.

Swale areas should be kept clear of debris that could block the flow of water. The grass that grows within the swale prevents swale erosion and filters the water. This also helps to remove the sediments, heavy metals and hydrocarbons, such as oil, from the water runoff before it reaches the storm drains, canals and waterways. Swale areas along the edge of the road require maintenance. Grass should be kept low and only sod should be planted in the swale.

Driveways must conform to swale regulations so that they will not impede the flow of water into storm drains, canals and lakes. Anytime you replace or extend your driveway it must be inspected by the Town. This is to ensure that the swale in the driveway is checked for proper depth and width.

*For more information go to:
www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/floodplain/nfipkeywords/si.shtm*

FLOOD MAPS AND ELEVATION CERTIFICATES

MAPS

The Town has Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) available for review at the Town Hall. This map shows the flood zone designation for properties located within the Town limits. Town staff is available to answer your questions concerning flood zones, special flood hazard areas and other flood information. Various flood protection pamphlets are also available at the Town Hall.

Visit the Town's website at www.townoflakeclarkeshores.com to view the Lake Clarke Shores Flood Insurance Rate Map on the website. Click on the FLOOD link found on the Town's homepage to obtain this information.

ELEVATIONS CERTIFICATES

Certificates of Elevation and Finished Floor Surveys are required for all new construction. An existing building must meet the same construction standards as a new building if the cost for each new addition, and/or substantial renovation to a residential property during a 5-year period equals or exceeds 50% of the building market value. These certificates are necessary to be in compliance with floodplain management ordinances and to determine proper insurance premium rates by the FEMA.

Copies of elevation certificates that have been submitted to the Town since 1994 can also be obtained from the Building Department at Town Hall.

*For more information go to:
www.fema.gov/hazard/map/flood.shtm*

SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENTS DAMAGE REQUIREMENTS

The National Flood Insurance Program requires an existing building to meet the same construction standards as a new building if the cost of reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition or other improvements equals or exceeds 50% of the building's market value. Property owners that make repairs and/or improvements to their residence where the combined total of the improvements over a 5-year period are 50% or more of the structures value, must also meet the same standards as a newly constructed building.

Signed and sealed elevation certificates and surveys are required for all new and substantially improved buildings before a Certificate of Occupancy can be issued. Elevation Certificates must be signed and sealed by a land surveyor, engineer or architect that is authorized by law to certify such a document.

Please note that the elevation certificate forms and required information have changed. As of April 1, 2010, only FEMA Form 81-31, dated March 2009, elevation certificates must be used.

Copies of elevation certificates that have been submitted to the Town since 1994 can be obtained from the Building Department at Town Hall.

Chapter 70 of the Town's Code of Ordinances specifies development procedures and flood reduction standards for new construction and substantial improvements within the Town.

For more information to review Town ordinances go to the Town of Lake Clarke Shores website and click on links.

DRAINAGE SYSTEM MAINTENANCE

The Town of Lake Clarke Shores Utility Department employees regularly inspect the Town's drainage system, which includes storm drains, easements and canals, for obstructions caused by debris such as fallen trees, trash, and other items.

Residents need to do their part to keep the drainage system clear of debris that could impede the flow of water. It is illegal to dump trash, vegetation, or debris of any kind into the canals, lakes or storm drains.

Trash, grass cuttings, vegetation or debris are not to be left on top of storm drains.

Residents who own property along any waterway are required to keep six 6 feet into the water beyond the water's edge clean of all debris. The air space 8 feet above the surface of the water must be kept clear of hanging branches or other obstructions. Grass must be mowed and groundcover maintained.

Proper drainage will help reduce the risk of flooding. If all residents are doing preventative maintenance, possible flooding maybe avoided when heavy rain does occur.

To report illegal dumping by calling Town's Police Department non-emergency dispatch center at: 964-1114.

*For more information go to:
www.floodsmart.gov/floodsmart/pdfs/Top-Ten-Facts-For-Consumers.pdf*

FLOODPLAIN DEVELOPMENT PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

All development in the floodplain (not just construction of buildings) requires a permit. Contact the Building Dept. at 964-1515 before starting construction or filling or otherwise altering the natural elevation of your property.

Report any illegal floodplain development to the Building Department at the number above, Code Enforcement at 964-1515 ext. 23 or the Police non-emergency dispatch center at 964-1114.

For more information go to:

www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/floodplain/nfipkeywords/si.shtm

Town Officials

- Gregory P. Freebold Mayor
- Valentin Rodriguez, Jr. Vice Mayor
- Thomas C. Mayes, Jr President Pro Tem
- Malcolm K. Lewis. Council Member
- Robert M. W. Shalhoub. Council Member
- Daniel P. Clark Town Administrator
- Mary Pinkerman Town Clerk
- Wes Smith Chief of Police
- Joseph Iagrossi Building Official
- Dana Schack Code Enforcement Officer

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 4PM & Weekends 964-1114
- Visit our website at www.townoflakeclarkeshores.com

E-mail: lkclarke1@bellsouth.net

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.

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