

# Neighborhood Notes

## \$5,000 Donated for Canine Cindy West, Police Department

The Pensacola Police Department received a check with a lot of bark behind it on December 7, 2006. The \$5,000 check was donated by Sam's Club, 1250 Airport Blvd., and Wal-Mart, 2650 Creighton Rd., for the purchase of a canine. **Rob Magin**, General Manger of Sam's Club and **Gary Barnes**, General Manager of Wal-Mart, presented a large foam board check to Pensacola Police Chief, **John W. Mathis** as an official recognition of the recent donation. "We are very grateful for this donation, which allows the Pensacola Police Department to increase our public service efforts," **Mathis** said. The \$5,000 was made available through the Wal-Mart Foundation and was used to purchase Rusty, a 3-year-old Belgian Malinois. Rusty has been partnered with Officers **Alex Bell** and will be assigned to the department's Community Services division once both of them complete a 400-hour training program they began October 9, 2006. He will be-

come the department's ninth K-9 currently working the streets. Officer **Randy Rickard**, who supervises the department's K-9 Unit, said Rusty will be dual certified in narcotics detection and patrol work. **Rickard** said seven of the department's dogs are dual certified, one is trained in narcotics detection and one in explosives detection.



Officer Alex Bell and Rusty

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### News and information for neighborhoods...

The building blocks of a successful City of Pensacola!!!



This newsletter is a service of the City of Pensacola. Please share this information with your neighbors!

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John Mathis  
Chief of Police



## Florida Yards & Neighborhoods

Elizabeth Bolles

At times horticulture professionals get a bad rap in regards to their lawn and landscape practices. Some homeowners may conclude that the common practices of landscapers and pest control technicians are negatively impacting our environment.

While it is true that some people in the horticulture industry apply improper management practices, many turfgrass and landscape professionals are doing their part to protect Florida's water resources. Throughout the state, professionals are attending programs taught by University of Florida specialists and Department of Environmental Protection technicians to learn how to better protect our valuable water resources.

For the past several years, the University of Florida has been working with government agencies, water management districts, and private industry to develop 'best management practices' (BMPs) for turfgrass and landscape plantings. This information is based on research and covers both the establishment of new turf and landscapes and the care of existing turf and landscapes, including construction activities, irrigation, nutrient management, and pest management.

Many professionals have been implementing these practices for years in their daily business.

However, professionals who at-

tend the courses have the resource manuals and materials to teach employees and clients about correct landscape management practices.

Homeowners can do their part as well. Many of these practices conducted by professionals can also be followed by homeowners who manage their own landscapes. A few of the practices include:

**Mowing BMP:** Do not dump direct clippings into bodies of water or onto impervious surfaces. Remove any clippings that are blown onto sidewalks, driveways, and streets. Clippings left on hard surfaces can enter storm drain systems.

**Fertilizer BMP:** Use a deflector shield on the fertilizer spreader when adjacent to sidewalks, streets, driveways, or bodies of water. Clean up any fertilizer that lands on impervious surfaces to prevent its movement into storm drains or bodies of water.

**Irrigation BMP:** Turf and landscape areas should be zoned separately based on plant water requirements. This will prevent the application of water to an area that does not need water.

**Pest Control BMP:** Notice any groundwater advisories on the pesticide label before applying the chemical to the landscape.

Additional subjects include pruning, pesticide licensing and record keeping, buffer zones, mulching, plant

disposal, and landscape design. One last important point that must be addressed deals with expectations that some homeowners have for the perfect landscape. Although professionals will be implementing the best management practices for landscape plants and turf, there will still be problems that occur from pests, environmental conditions, or stress. Homeowners should be patient and realize that horticulture professionals will not always be able to prevent and control all problems. Look at the big picture and realize that a few problems in the landscape are always better than problems with our water resources.

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## Parks and Recreation Activities

**Kim Sanderson, Special Events and Information Coordinator**



It's that time of year!!!  
Have you made your New Year's Resolutions???

Well if one of those resolutions is to

get fit, start a new hobby or just get out and have some fun, we can help!!

- Learn to play tennis
- Take an art class
- Take a martial arts class

- Take a Pilates class
- Take a Yoga class
- Utilize the fitness rooms
- Join a sports team
- Learn to play golf

If you don't see anything that is your fit, then call us and we'll find something just for you!!!

We also have a great event this month just for Seniors!!!

**THE SENIOR CULTURAL EXPO**  
January 17, 2007  
Bayview Community Center-  
12 p.m.- 3 p.m.

Join Japanese Exchange Students and over 30 local service organizations as we show you a taste of Japanese culture and local Senior service. Refreshments will be provided and there is no charge!!!

For more information:  
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## How to Contact Your City Council

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## Calendar of Events

**City Council**– A Special City Council Meeting (New Member Swear-In) will be held on Monday, January 8th, 2007 at 11:45 a.m. in the Hagler/Mason Room, 2nd floor of City Hall. Committees will meet Monday, January 22nd, 2007 at 3:15 p.m. in the Hagler/Mason Room, 2nd floor of City Hall. City Council Meeting will be Thursday, January 25th at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 1st floor of City Hall.

**Code Enforcement Board**– Meets Tuesday, January 2nd, 2007 at 5 p.m. in the Hagler/Mason Conference Room, 2nd floor-City Hall.

**Gateway Review Board**– Meets Tuesday, January 9th, 2007 at 10 a.m. in the Hagler/Mason Conference Room, 2nd floor-City Hall.

**Architectural Review Board**– Meets Monday, January 18th, 2007 at 2 p.m. in the Hagler/Mason Conference Room, 2nd floor-City Hall.

**Planning Board**-Meets Tuesday, January 9th, 2007 at 3:30 p.m. in the Hagler/Mason Conference Room, 2nd floor-City Hall.

**Zoning Board of Adjustment**– Meets Wednesday, January 17th, 2007 at 3 p.m. in the Hagler/Mason Conference Room, 2nd floor-City Hall.

**Environmental Advisory Board**– Meets Wednesday, January 24th, 2007 at 3 p.m. in the Hagler/Mason Conference Room, 2nd floor-City Hall.

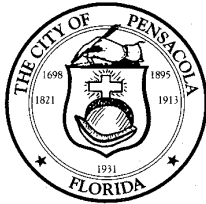
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Neighborhood & Economic  
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Is your Neighborhood Association registered and up-to-date with the City of Pensacola? Your up-to-date contact information will make sure that your Association is kept informed of all upcoming activities and issues affecting your neighborhood. Call Ashley Matteson (436-5653) to register or provide an update. It's a quick and easy way to keep your neighborhood connected.

