



Neighborhood Notes

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City of Pensacola Sidewalks Program

Kristie Greenhut

In 1999, the City of Pensacola adopted a Sidewalk Policy to provide for new sidewalk construction and the reconstruction of existing sidewalks to enhance the public safety, encourage community interaction, enhance access to and between public parks and other public facilities, facilitate environmentally sensitive methods of transportation and contribute to the overall well being of the community. Sidewalk construction and repairs are made possible through an annual appropriation from the Local Option Sales Tax (LOST). This year, City Council has pledged \$250,000 to the Sidewalks program.

If you would like to make a request for new sidewalk construction or existing sidewalk reconstruction, please submit the following information to the Community Development Department:

- Exact address (street number, intersection, block)
- Sidewalk type (new construction, connection, repair)
- Safety (is this an emergency repair)
- Approximate length of sidewalk (in linear feet)

Requests can be made by mail, phone, or email. City staff will evaluate and rank all requests and funding will go to the highest priority

areas.

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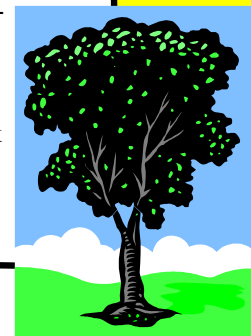
This newsletter is a service of the City of Pensacola. Please share this information with your neighbors

Free Tree Care Workshop and Tree Give-a-way

Escambia County Extension's Florida Yards & Neighborhoods Program will hold its third and final tree care workshop and tree give-away Saturday, June 16, 2007, from 9:00-11:00 a.m. at the Langley Bell 4-H Camp, 4810 West Nine Mile Road. The tree giveaway is part of a grant-funded program from the USDA Forest Service and Florida Division

of Forestry. Any Florida resident is eligible to receive trees. Two 7-gallon trees will be available for participants of the 30-minute workshop, which starts at 9:30 a.m. Trees will be guaranteed only to the first 200 that pre-register for the workshop by calling the Extension Office at (850) 475-5230. Tree varieties include Southern Magnolia, Crape Myrtle,

Bald Cypress, and Live Oak. The trees are 6-8 feet tall; participants are asked to bring a vehicle capable of transporting trees of this size. For specific questions, please contact Carrie Stevenson, Florida Yards & Neighborhoods Agent at ctstevenson@ufl.edu or (850) 475-5230. We look forward to seeing you at a great event!



Florida Yards and Neighborhoods

Beth Bolles

Why do we over-water plants so much? Do we relate a plant's need for water to our own? More water certainly can not hurt us but it sure can weaken plants or even cause them to die.

As we install plants in the landscape, diligent watering is very important until the plant forms new roots that will spread out in the soil. But after plants are established, most will grow well when supplied with occasional water through rainfall or irrigation. A common misperception about Florida is that all of our soils drain quickly and therefore water needs to be applied every few days. Even though we do have sandy soils, many homeowners would be surprised to see how much moisture is still present in their soil several days after a watering. Many soils will also contain clay particles and some organic matter that will keep water in the rootzone of plants longer.

Over-watering these types of areas keeps too much moisture around roots and does not allow them to breathe. This can lead to root decline or death to plants that are not adapted to low oxygen conditions. Plants with weakened roots from over-watering are more susceptible to attack from pests as well.

The automatic irrigation system is of course a convenience for many homeowners. It may also be a problem if the watering schedule is not checked on a regular basis and changed as the area receives rain. It will also need to be monitored as temperatures and humidity change throughout the year.

If your automatic sprinkler system was installed after 1991, it must have a rain sensor device on it. If a sufficient amount of rain enters the sensor, it will override the immediate irrigation cycle. The sensor is an inexpensive

addition to the system that will prevent irrigation system from running while it is raining. Any reputable irrigation installer will know that this sensor is required by state law to be on automatic irrigation systems. For those homeowners who do not have an in-ground sprinkler system, you may be more fortunate than those who do. It is doubtful that you will want to move hoses around and water plants unless they really need the water. This is the best thing for the plants.

Beth R. Bolles, Horticulture Agent
Escambia County Extension
850-475-5230

<http://escambia.ifas.ufl.edu/hort.htm>





Frequently Used Numbers

Housing (HUD)	453-7500	Airport	436-5000	Bill Payment– Gas/Sanitation	435-1800
Inspections	436-5600	City Attorney’s Office	435-1615	Library–West Florida Regional	436-5060
Treasury	435-1800	City Clerk’s Office	435-1606	Parks and Recreation	
		City Manager’s Office	435-1626	Trees, blocked streets	436-5511
		Civil Service	435-1660	Park services, sports programs and community centers	436-5670
		Code Enforcement	436-5500	Pensacola Police Department	435-1900
		Community Development	436-5655	Dispatch	435-1845
		Community Redevelopment	435-1695	Port of Pensacola	436-5070
		Emergencies	911	Public Works	435-1755
		Employee Services	435-1720	Sanitation	435-1890
		Engineering	435-1645		
		ESP Natural Gas	474-5300		

City Council Contacts

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Mike DeSorbo, District 3	433-1120		us		
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Calendar of Events

City Council– Committees will meet Monday, June 11 & June 25, 2007 at 3:15 p.m. in the Hagler/Mason Conference Room, 2nd floor of City Hall. City Council will meet Thursday, June 14 & June 28, 2007 at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 1st floor of City Hall.

Architectural Review Board– will meet on Thursday, June 21, 2007 at 2 p.m. in the Hagler/Mason Conference Room, 2nd floor of City Hall.

Code Enforcement Board– will meet on Tuesday, June 5, 2007 at 5 p.m. in the Hagler/Mason Conference Room, 2nd floor of City Hall.

Gateway Review Board– will meet on Tuesday, June 12, 2007 at 10 a.m. in the Hagler/Mason Conference Room, 2nd floor of City Hall.

Planning Board– will meet Tuesday, June 12, 2007 at 3:30 p.m. in the Hagler/Mason Conference Room, 2nd floor of City Hall.

Zoning Board of Adjustment– will meet on Wednesday, June 20, 2007 at 3 p.m. in the Hagler/Mason Conference Room, 2nd floor of City Hall.

City of Pensacola

If you have any questions or comments about this newsletter please contact Ashley Matteson.

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www.ci.pensacola.fl.us

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.



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