



# ON THE *Move*

A Quarterly Update From Your City Hall

## Register Now for City's Charter Schools

Parents can register their children now for any of the City's three municipal charter schools. Oasis Charter Elementary, Charter Elementary School North and Charter Middle School South are accepting applications for open seats in the schools. Registration is at Oasis Charter Elementary School, located at 3415 Oasis Boulevard. Call 542-1577 ext. 203 for registration information.

The City of Cape Coral Charter Schools support model educational initiatives, and students will be provided all the necessary tools of technology to be successful. The "Core

Curriculum" established for the schools is an innovative and challenging education plan.

The City's first elementary, Oasis Charter Elementary, has been very popular with parents and students. The City will be opening a second elementary, Charter Elementary School North, for the 2006 school year. The City also is opening a middle school for the 2006 school year. The middle school (grades 6 - 8) is adjacent to Oasis Elementary. The elementary schools will have 580 students, while the middle school will house 660.

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## Is Voting Important to You?

*It was to Susan B. Anthony.*

In 1872, Susan B. Anthony was arrested for casting a vote in the presidential election in Rochester, NY. Women did not have the right to vote, and Anthony was arrested, tried and fined \$100. She refused to pay. While Susan B. Anthony spent nearly 50 years of her life fighting for women to have the right to vote, she died in

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# Mayor's Message

The first few months of 2006 already have been exciting for the City of Cape Coral. We unofficially have exceeded the 150,000 population number. At our annual "Celebrate Cape Coral" parade and block party, the Chamber of Commerce held a drawing for the person representing the "150,000<sup>th</sup>" person. Fittingly, as we have so many residents moving here annually, that individual was a new resident.

Utility extension continues at an accelerated pace. The City of Cape Coral is committed to providing a safe, continuous water supply for all of our residents. The City plans to complete all water and sewer installation in the next 12 years.

Speaking of water, we have had an unusually dry, dry season, with virtually no rain in January and February. Fortunately, the emergency water restrictions enacted last year have had excellent results. Thanks to your commitment and observance of these restrictions, our canal levels have not dropped to dangerously low levels as they did last year. However, that could change if conditions remain as arid as they have been thus far. Remember, watering is allowed on Thursday and Sunday for even-numbered addresses, and Wednesday and Saturday for odd-numbered addresses. You can water for up to four hours each day, and there is no watering permitted from 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.

The City continues to seek ways to provide our families and children with quality, constructive activities. Festival Park, in the northern area of our city, is in the process of

being planned now. With hundreds of acres, the types of activities that can benefit our residents are endless. There is plenty of room for barbecue areas, hiking trails, ball fields, maybe even a Spring Training facility or outdoor amphitheater. Be sure to let your council member or me know what improvements you would like to see at Festival Park. With your input, we can make Festival Park a treasure in our city.

Hurricane season, unfortunately, is only a few months away, starting June 1. Remember to prepare your emergency plan with your family in advance. Be sure to have enough medications, food and water to last at least three days, and always look out for your neighbors, particularly the elderly. If we issue an order to evacuate, please have arrangements in place to stay with family and friends away from the storm. Leave as early as possible. For Wilma, we asked more the 40,000 residents to leave, and the evacuation was completed in an orderly and safe fashion.

Finally, our City charter school system will be adding two schools in August: Charter Middle School South on Oasis Boulevard and Charter Elementary School North in Northwest Cape Coral. If you would like to enroll your children in these schools or would like general information, please contact the charter school hotline at 542-1577.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eric Reichthal".

# CM's Message

This past December, City Council and department directors gathered around a table and participated together in a facilitated strategic planning session. Led by Jim Stansbury, a professional consultant in the strategic planning field, City Council members and staff spent three hours brainstorming and prioritizing various strategies for the future direction of the city.

Why is strategic planning important? Strategic planning helps elected officials and the administration identify the highest priorities to which the City's planning efforts and financial resources should be directed. Strategic planning looks beyond the next year's budget and helps guide the decision-making of the City Council. Strategic planning asks questions such as, "Where do you want to be in five years, and what steps do you need to take to get there?"

At the brainstorming session in December, City Council identified 20 strategic priorities and 93 strategies to accomplish these priorities. The Top Five priorities are Economic Development, Long Range Land Use and Zoning, Public Safety, Transportation, and Affordable Housing. While all 20 priorities are important, special emphasis should be placed on the higher-ranked priorities when looking at the allocation of dollars and staff time.

Another key benefit of strategic planning is that it can provide a mechanism for managing the revenues that flow into the City coffers. This is extremely important in the case of Cape Coral because our revenues are so dependent on residential property values. While we have been reaping the dividends from unprecedented increases in property values these

past few years, this is a trend that will not continue indefinitely. It is vital that we carefully track market trends for changes that will affect the amount of revenues the City receives, and having a strategic plan in place will help direct spending priorities in the future.

As we begin to put together our budget recommendations for the FY 2007 budget, we will need to determine how these recommendations support the strategic priorities identified by City Council. Funding requests beyond the "core" of the budget should advance the strategic goals and ideas outlined in Council's strategic plan.

Because the future is full of uncertainty, strategic plans cannot be static. The planning process is an activity that should be exercised on an annual basis. Issues that appeared to be a priority last year may no longer warrant being high on the list. Conversely, issues that never appeared on the radar screen may now move into the forefront. While it is important that a strategic plan provide direction and focus, it also needs to be a living document that is revisited and revised on a regular basis.

As City Manager, I respect and appreciate the time and effort our City Council members and staff invested in the strategic planning process. It is important for us to gather around the table and evaluate where we are and where we should be going as it relates to strategic priorities.

Thank you for your time.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Terry Stewart".

# Is Voting Important to You?

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1906, 14 years before the passage of the 19th Amendment granting this fundamental right to women.

Each election, we are provided the right to choose our direction and our representative government at the ballot box. There are several key offices on the election ballot in 2006, including Governor, U.S. Senator, Congress, County Commission, State Attorney and other local offices. There are some important dates to keep in mind if you intend to vote in this year's elections.

Registration Closes for Primary Election.....**Monday, August 7**  
Early Voting Begins for Primary Election.....**Monday, August 21**  
Primary Election Day.....**Tuesday, September 5**  
Registration Closes for General Election Day.....**Tuesday, October 10**  
Early Voting Begins for General Election.....**Monday, October 23**  
General Election Day.....**Tuesday, November 7**

Detailed information regarding voter registration, candidates and referendums, precinct and polling places, candidate qualifying, prospective poll worker qualifications and other election-related topics may be found on the Lee County Supervisor of Elections website at [www.leeelections.com](http://www.leeelections.com).

# Sunset Celebration on the Pier

The Cape Coral Yacht Club invites residents to visit the area and celebrate the good weather, fishing and a wide variety of interactive and family fun programs at the Yacht Club. One of the more popular programs is the monthly "Sunset Celebration on the Pier."

On the first Wednesday of each month, families can come to the beach, watch a fabulous sunset, and enjoy an evening of music and shopping. More than 40 vendors will be displaying and selling arts and crafts, jewelry, gift items, clothing and other items.

The "Sunset Celebration on the Pier" is held the first Wednesday of every month. The times are 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. from November through April, and 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. May through October. Admission to the event is free. During inclement weather, the event may be canceled.

In addition to the Sunset Celebration, the Cape Coral Yacht Club offers a wide variety of classes to the public. Some of these include boating seminars, saltwater fishing classes, dance classes and marine biology classes. The Club also offers several specialty summer camps, including youth sailing, powerboat safety camp, kayak camp and more. For more information on any of these programs, please call the Cape Coral Yacht Club at 574-0806.

# Wireless Broadband

Since 2004, the City has been using mobile cellular technology to enable employees to work with their computers in the field. The first applications allowed police officers and the Fire Department to use computers in their vehicles. In 2005, this service was extended to the Building Division to allow building inspectors to report their inspection results directly from the job site.

The Public Safety applications used slower cellular frequencies, while the building inspectors have applications that use the City's internal high-speed network. However, while the use of the wireless network helped the Building Division improve productivity in the field, the transaction times were slower when compared to entering the data at a City facility.

Beginning this past January, the City began transitioning the building inspectors to the wireless, broadband network recently introduced in our area by Sprint. By using Sprint's broadband network, the transaction times in the field essentially are the same as using computers on the City's internal network. This makes it easier for our building inspectors to report and record the results of their inspections in a more timely manner.

The City will be extending use of the new technology to other City departments, including Public Works and Code Enforcement.

## Construction Continues on Charter Schools

Construction is on schedule for two new municipal charter schools, scheduled to open for the 2006 school year. Charter Elementary School North construction started December 21, and exterior walls recently were erected at the site at SW 29th Avenue and SW 3rd Street. Major utilities (water and electrical) installation have been completed, as well as the installation of underground utilities. Interior steel for roof and floor decking is placed, and interior wall construction is proceeding. Interior electrical, mechanical and other building systems construction is on schedule. Anticipated completion date is July 24.

Charter Middle School South construction began October 31. Tie-in for major utilities has been completed, as well as the installation of underground utilities. Concrete foundation and floor slabs have been placed, and exterior walls have been erected. Front facade work is in place, which will tie the existing elementary charter school with the middle school and complete the campus image. Interior steel for roof and floor decking is placed, and interior wall construction is proceeding. Interior electrical mechanical and other building systems construction is on schedule. Anticipated completion date is July 10.



## City Provides Summer Programs for the Kids

When school breaks for the summer, parents looking for activities to entertain their kids should take a gander at the many programs provided by City's Parks and Recreation Department. The Youth Programs Division offers nine weeks of summer programs for children in kindergarten through 10th grade.

Summer recreation programs are held at three convenient locations for children who are entering kindergarten (must be 5 years of age) through 5th grade. Four Freedoms Park, Oasis Charter Elementary and Trafalgar Middle School have programs that include recreational activities, guest speakers, on-site special events, a weekly field trip and two days of swimming at the Yacht Club pool. All participants are required to bring a lunch and snacks daily, or they have the option of participating in our "no charge" lunch program provided by the Lee County School System. Snack will be sold for 50 cents, and a pizza lunch is optional on Friday for \$2 per child.

The Middle School/High School Fun Daze program is held at Trafalgar Middle School and is offered to children entering 6th grade through 10th grade. This program includes four traveling days during the week to the movies, bowling alley, ice skating and fast food stops. On Friday, the participants remain on site and are involved in special activities, such as dances, water play and competitions. All participants will need to bring a packed lunch and snacks or money for fast food stops. Snacks will be sold for 50 cents.

The last week of summer break, Youth Programs will be offering August Adventures, a program for children entering kindergarten through 8th grade. This one-week program will be at Oasis Charter Elementary and will include a field trip and two swim days.

The cost for each week of these programs is \$93 for the first child and \$88 for additional children within the same household. Do not wait too long to sign up, as these programs are very popular and fill up quickly. Call 242-3950 for more information regarding these programs.

## Disposing of White Goods Only Takes a Phone Call

How often have you driven down a residential street and seen a discarded dishwasher, refrigerator, range or washer sitting near the curb for weeks and wondered when these items would be removed? Usually, it only takes a phone call to have these “white goods” removed.

“White goods,” in trash collection and recycling lingo, generally are considered washers, dryers, refrigerators, ranges, water heaters, water softeners, freezers, small air conditioning units, and other similar domestic and commercial large appliances. When these goods are no longer of use, they can be placed at the curb and collected by the City’s waste hauler, Waste Management. There is no additional charge for picking up white goods.

White goods are picked up by appointment only because they are not taken to the regular landfill for disposal. Instead they are taken to a recycling facility and disposed of in an environmentally friendly way.

Call Waste Management at 334-4115 to schedule a pick up, and place the item at the curb. Once you call Waste Management, they will send out a “claw truck” that will pick up the old appliance. Please remember that the claw truck will not just “happen” to come by, nor will it pick up an item from a residence without an appointment. You must contact Waste Management first.

Once you have scheduled for pickup, the item must be placed at the curb by 6 a.m. on the specified collection day. Residents are encouraged not to place the item by the curb until a pickup has been arranged.

## Summer Horse Camp for Youngsters

Four Freedoms Park has formed a partnership with Racin’ Around Stables in North Fort Myers to offer six, weekly sessions of Horse Camp this summer. Each camp is for youngsters ages 9 to 14, and participants will learn about horse safety, how to ride, parts of the saddle and bridle, fun riding games, horse anatomy, and horse ailments and how to prevent them. At the end of each week, there will be a cookout and show for campers and their families.

Campers meet at Four Freedoms Park at 8 a.m. Transportation to the stables is provided by the City, and participants are returned to Four Freedoms by 5 p.m. The cost for the week is \$205 residents, \$225 non-residents. Campers should bring their own lunch and a bike or equestrian helmet. For more information, please call 574-0804. Here are the dates for the camp:

June 5 – 9  
June 12 – 16  
June 19 – 23  
July 10 – 14  
July 17 – 21  
July 24 – 28



## City Provides Free, Public Wireless Internet Access at City Hall

The City of Cape Coral has added another convenience for our customers who visit City Hall to conduct business. The City’s IT Department has set up free, wireless Internet access for the public within City Hall and the City Council building.

Laptops are becoming a necessary tool for business, and most of the laptops on the market today are equipped for wireless access. Consultants, contractors, business people and representatives from various organizations now can bring their laptops to City Hall to access email and other Internet functions required to do their jobs.

“We have the ability and the technology to provide this service to our customers at no cost to the public,” said John MacLean, IT Director. “By using existing equipment, we are able to set up specific access areas and provide the Internet connectivity.”

Users with laptops equipped with wireless adapters should be able to connect to the Internet by powering up at one of the public Wi-Fi hotspots in City Hall and the Council building. Currently, there is public access in the Council building on the 2nd floor and in Council offices. Additional spots will be set up within the City Hall administration building in Pops Café and the public permitting area. The City also is considering creating public access through network jacks in some City conference rooms.

Please note that it is the responsibility of the users to ensure that their machines are configured properly for wireless access. The City will not provide technical support associated with accessing the public wireless network except to verify if the service is available or down. Technical problems will need to be resolved by the user.

## Outside Firms to Conduct Three Performance Audits

The City Council has authorized contracts with outside consulting firms to perform compliance and performance reviews on three City functions. The three areas to be audited are: 1) the recently completed utilities expansion project; 2) the permitting process in the Department of Community Development; and 3) the human resources functions within the Human Resources Department. These reviews are being done to ensure that operations are efficient and effective, and identify potential areas for improvement. The City Auditor's Office is facilitating or partnering in all three reviews.

Kessler International has been contracted to perform the audit of the utilities expansion contract for the SW 1, SW 2 and SW 3 assessment areas. The consultants started the process with a site visit on February 27.

Management Partners, Inc. will be performing the permitting process review in DCD. Consultants with this company were at City Hall the week of February 13 conducting interviews with the various stakeholders in the process.

Evergreen Solutions, LLC is the firm that will complete a comprehensive review of the human resources function of the City. Consultants began their on-site work the first week of March.

All three audits will take several months to complete. When the auditors have finished their work and provided their reports, City Council and City staff will review the reports and recommendations.

## Citizens Advisory Committee on Minority Issues

The Citizen's Advisory Committee on Minority Issues is a nine-member committee that advises the City Council on topics that impact the minority population in Cape Coral. The committee meets quarterly in the Council Chambers (1015 Cultural Park Boulevard), and the meeting is broadcast live on CapeTV, Channel 14 on Time Warner Cable. The public is invited to attend.

The committee assists the City Council in their policy-making process by making recommendations and providing input to the Council about minority issues, such as City employment practices. They have worked with the city Manager and staff from Human Resources to monitor the City's hiring practices and have reviewed the Administrative Regulation on hiring and promoting procedures for City employees. The group discusses issues involving minority earning power, and analyzes documents concerning minimum qualifications. They regularly hold a dialogue with City staff on the current employment ratio of minorities within City government.

The committee has developed an evaluation tool, "Measurement of Success," that can be used by the members to evaluate the success of their actions and the benefit to the community. They also have created a bilingual brochure about the role of the advisory committee, meeting schedule and other points of contact for minorities. Copies of the brochure are available at City Hall.

The committee also has its own Web page within the City of Cape Coral's government website. The Web page can be accessed by going to the City's website at [www.capegov.org](http://www.capegov.org) and selecting the Mayor and Council page from the Government dropdown menu. The committee's web page can be located in the navigation bar.

The next scheduled meeting of the committee is Wednesday, April 19 at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.

# Yacht Club Master Planning Continues to Move Forward

One of the gems of Cape Coral's park system is the Yacht Club Community Park, located along the banks of the Caloosahatchee River on the southeastern tip of the city. The Yacht Club provides visitors a variety of recreational and cultural opportunities including a beach, fishing pier, swimming pool, community center, senior center, boat ramp, marina and tennis courts.

The Yacht Club sits on a small area of property, and the wide range of uses often results in conflicts within and around the park. This can lead to park overcrowding and inefficiencies. The City's master plan for the Yacht Club Community Park is a proactive step to assure that the citizens of Cape Coral receive the highest value and greatest use of this facility. The master plan will maximize the waterfront features and other recreational opportunities while assuring surrounding neighborhood compatibility.

As part of the master planning process, two public meetings were held to solicit input from the citizens of Cape Coral. More than 200 residents provided options and ideas for the Yacht Club area. Staff, consultants and citizens had a positive exchange and discussion at both meetings.

The Master Plan consultant will take all of the ideas and compile them into conceptual designs. Then there will be another series of

public workshops to review the designs and offer opportunities for more public input. The entire Master Planning process will take another year to complete. Throughout the entire process, citizens can get updates and offer input through the City of Cape Coral's Website at [www.capeparks.org](http://www.capeparks.org).

The Yacht Club Master Plan process began in April 2002 when the Cape Coral City Council approved the "City of Cape Coral Parks and Recreation Master Plan." One of the key components of the overall plan is to improve the City's existing park system by re-evaluating and redesigning the Yacht Club Community Park. The Yacht Club Master Plan will address and respond to the following issues:

- Park Functional Issues – Location and condition of park uses and amenities, traffic circulation, parking, and infrastructure
- Park Uses - Appropriateness of existing uses, focus on water-dependent/related uses, expansion of park to recently acquired lands on Floridian Court and Dolphin Drive, and compatibility with surrounding neighborhoods
- Park Identity - Define entry to the park, enhance the aesthetics of the park, and define the relationship to Caloosahatchee River

## Employee Union Contracts Set to Expire

The Human Resources Department will be busy negotiating four collective bargaining agreements, which are set to expire this year.

The agreement between the City and the International Association of Firefighters representing the Rank and File of Local 2424 expires on March 31. Negotiations are currently in progress and are expected to reach a successful conclusion.

The City also has three collective bargaining agreements with the Local Union 2301 of the Painters and Allied Trades, AFL-CIO representing

the Supervisory Unit, the White Collar Unit and the Blue Collar Unit. All three contracts are set to expire on September 30. Negotiations will begin this summer with each of these bargaining units.

In October 2005, the City successfully negotiated new three-year deals with the City's two police unions. The Fraternal Order of Police negotiated on behalf of the Officers and Sergeants, and Police Lieutenants.

# Window Shopping

*Replacement Windows -  
What does Code require?*

When homeowners start shopping for replacement windows for their homes, there are two questions that need to be answered. First, what is the reason for replacing the windows, and second, what does the City building code require.

Homeowners may want to replace windows for aesthetics, safety or energy efficiency. Prices can vary substantially based on the choice of windows, so homeowners are encouraged to do their research. If energy efficiency is the goal, then LCEC has good information on whether or not expensive insulated windows are a good investment for Cape Coral homeowners. Visit their website at [www.lcec.net](http://www.lcec.net) and look at their information on “electricity tips” for residential.

As for the building code, some window companies may say that code requires them to install windows and hurricane shutters as a package. While it would be accurate to say that hurricane shutters must be included when applying for a permit to install replacement windows, what the salesperson may leave out is that these hurricane shutters can be ½-inch plywood, and only need to be so indicated on the permit application. They do not have to be the metal-type shutters that the salesperson wants you to purchase (although if reasonably priced, the added convenience these shutters provide might be worth the cost).

Whatever the reasons behind replacing windows, researching the various types of windows and knowing what the code actually requires can give the homeowner an advantage when the salesperson starts out with “Code now requires...”

# Eagle Skate Park Riding a Wave of Success

Cape Coral’s new skate park has hit a high note with the local skateboarders, rollerbladers and bikers. The 27,000-square-foot park is stocked with half-pipe ramps, banister-like grind rails, wedges and other skating obstacles.

Eagle Skate Park was built with the cooperation of the City of Cape Coral and the Youth Crime Intervention Program, and a significant donation from the Eagle family. Thanks to their generosity, Cape Coral has expanded the recreational options available to our residents and provided a safe and legal place to practice the sport. Eagle Skate Park is one of the largest facilities located between Tampa and Miami. The park has numerous obstacles that simulate a street course.

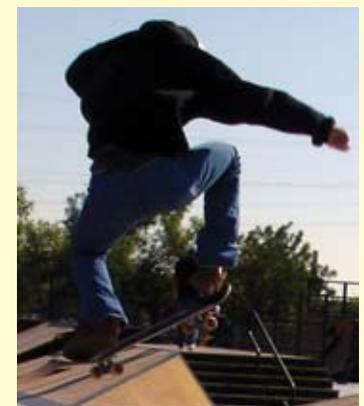
Eagle Skate Park is located next to the Wm. “Bill” Austen Youth Center at 315 SW 2nd Avenue. Daily hours of operation are:

Monday – Thursday:.....3 p.m. – 9 p.m.  
Friday:.....3 p.m. – 10 p.m.  
Saturday:.....Noon – 10 p.m.  
Sunday:.....Noon – 7 p.m.

## Bike Night Only

Wednesday:.....6 p.m. – 9 p.m.  
Sunday:.....5 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Memberships to the Skate Park are \$25 per year for residents of Cape Coral between the ages of 8 and 18, which include membership to the Wm. “Bill” Austen Youth Center. Non-residents pay \$35. Memberships are \$15 (resident) and \$25 (non-resident) for kids ages 6 and 7. Adult memberships are \$50 for residents and \$60 for non-residents. Admission to the Skate Park is \$3 for members and \$6 for non-members. For more information on the Eagle Skate Park, please call 242-3950.



# New Principals Hired for City Charter Schools

## **Steven Hook – Oasis Charter Elementary School**

Steven Hook was selected as the principal of Oasis Charter Elementary School.

Hook has more than 25 years of experience in the field of education. He has been the assistant principal at Veterans Park Academy for the Arts in Lehigh Acres since last year. Prior to moving to Florida, Hook spent 15 years in Indiana school systems, the last five as principal at Garrett Middle School in Garrett.

Hook received his Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Bowling Green State University in Ohio and his Master's degree in School Administration and Supervision from Indiana University.



## **Dr. Lee Bush – Charter Elementary School North**

Dr. Lee Bush was hired as the principal for Charter Elementary School North, the City's second charter elementary school set to open in August 2006.

Dr. Bush has 30 years of experience in teaching and school administration in the states of Wisconsin and Florida. He served as principal at Lake Park Elementary and Golden Terrace Elementary in Naples.

Bush received his Bachelor's degree in Elementary and Special Education from Eastern Illinois and a Master's degree in Educational Leadership from South Florida. His doctorate was awarded from University of Miami.



## **Chris Terrill – Charter Middle School**

Chris Terrill has been selected as the principal for the City's Charter Middle School, which will open in August 2006.

Terrill has 12 years of education experience at the teaching and administrative levels, nearly all in Kansas. For the past year, he has been the Executive Director of Schools in Daytona Beach.

Terrill has a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Friends University in Wichita, and a Master's in School Leadership from Baker University, also in Wichita.

# Special Events on Tap Downtown

## **Cape Bike Night**

April 8, 2006

(SE 47th Terrace between Coronado and Vincennes)

5 p.m. to 10 p.m.

The City of Cape Coral Parks and Recreation is proud to present another one of our popular Cape Bike Nights on Saturday, April 8. Motorcycle enthusiasts and spectators are invited to come, listen to music, eat some great food, and have fun at this popular event. For more information, call 573-3125.

## **Cinco de Mayo**

May 5, 2006

(SE 47th Terrace between Coronado and SE 9th Place)

5 p.m. to 11 p.m.

The City of Cape Coral Parks & Recreation Department is looking to get a little festive this year by bringing back the Cinco de Mayo Block Party. Everyone can enjoy traditional Mariachi music, food, crafts and much more. For more information, call 573-3125.

# Looking for Something to Do this Summer?

## How about a Job with the City?

Summer is almost here, and the City of Cape Coral's Parks and Recreation Department has numerous openings for full-time and contract (less than 40 hours a week) positions. The City offers competitive wages, on-the-job training, and most important, a fun atmosphere. Some of the many positions include:

- Summer Camp Counselors (Arts, Sports, Trips)
- Park Rangers
- Grounds Maintenance Workers
- Sun Splash Family Waterpark – Water Safety Staff
- Yacht Club Lifeguards
- Sun Splash Family Waterpark – Food & Beverage Workers
- Coral Oaks Golf Course – Food & Beverage Workers

The City of Cape Coral is an Equal Opportunity Employer. To view available positions and apply online, please visit [www.capegov.org](http://www.capegov.org), and select "Jobs" from eCape Online Services box on the left. To apply in person, please visit Cape Coral City Hall at 1015 Cultural Park Boulevard. Should you have any questions, please call the Human Resources Department at **574-0530**.

The City of Cape Coral values diversity in its workforce and encourages all qualified persons, to apply.

## Coral Oaks Golf Course

Coral Oaks Golf Course continues to attract a significant number of golfers, with about 200 golfers per day visiting the course. Coral Oaks offers a wide range of programs for golfers of all ages and skill levels, including Men's and Ladies' Golf Associations and the junior golf program. The course features tournament play and special group outings. Rates at the golf course vary, but Coral Oaks offers a very competitive price schedule.

Golf instruction opportunities are available on a weekly basis with adult golf clinics on Tuesday (3 p.m.) and Saturday (2 p.m.) at a cost of \$10, which includes two buckets of range balls. They also have a free Youth Golf Clinic at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday. Golfers interested in participating in any of these clinics should call the course in advance to register.

Coral Oaks provides group instruction and individual lessons from PGA professionals with more than 50 years of combined experience. For those golfers who want to improve their games, this can be an excellent opportunity.

Coral Oaks offers a variety of fee structures ranging from season passes and practice range programs to seasonal-based daily play fees. A discount is available for all residents of Cape Coral. Hours of operation are 7 a.m. – 5 p.m., seven days a week. If you are interested in golf programs, outings, lessons, group bookings or would like to hold a banquet or party at Coral Oaks Golf Course, please call **573-3100**.

# Identity Theft

Practically every day the Cape Coral Police Department takes reports from victims of identity theft. This crime is a growing problem not only in our community but throughout the entire nation. Here's what you should know about identity theft:

## WHAT IS IDENTITY THEFT?

Identity theft is when someone obtains a piece of your personal information (Social Security number, bank account number, password, etc.) and uses it without your knowledge to commit fraud or theft.

## HOW IDENTITY THIEVES GET YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION

- They steal your wallet or purse containing ID cards, credit cards, or bank cards.
- They steal your mail to obtain your bank statements, credit card statements, pre-approved credit offers, new checks, and tax information.
- They complete a post office "change of address" form to divert your mail to another location.
- They rummage through your trash, including business trash; this is known as "dumpster diving."
- They fraudulently obtain your credit report by posing as an employer, landlord or other person who may have a legitimate need for the information.
- They find personal information in your home during a burglary.
- They obtain personal information that you share on the Internet.
- They scam you by posing as representatives of legitimate companies or government agencies.
- They also may obtain your personal information through business record theft, such as breaking into doctors' offices, schools, employers and stealing paper files or hacking into computer files.

## HOW IDENTITY THIEVES USE YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION

- They call your credit card issuer and change your billing address on your account, then run up charges. Because bills go to a new address, you typically don't find out about the theft for many months.

- They open new credit card accounts using your name, date of birth, and Social Security number. When they don't pay the bills, the delinquency appears on your own credit report.
- They establish phone, especially cell phone, service in your name and run up huge phone bills.
- They open "new" bank accounts in your name and write bad checks on it.
- They file for bankruptcy in your name.
- They produce counterfeit checks and debit cards and drain your bank account.
- They buy cars by taking out auto loans in your name.
- They use your name during an arrest; then they fail to show up for court, causing an arrest warrant to be issued in your name.

## WHAT CAN YOU DO TO MINIMIZE YOUR RISK?

- Order and carefully review a copy of your credit report from each of the three national credit bureaus: Equifax (**1-800-525-6285, [www.equifax.com](http://www.equifax.com)**), Experian (**1-888-397-3742, [www.experian.com](http://www.experian.com)**), and TransUnion (**1-800-680-7289, [www.transunion.com](http://www.transunion.com)**). Recent legislation requires the credit bureaus to provide you with one credit report annually at no charge.
- Place passwords on your accounts.
- Secure personal information that is in your home.
- Ask about your employer's security procedures.
- Don't give out personal information over the phone, mail or Internet unless you initiated the contact.
- Guard your mail and trash.
- Don't carry your Social Security card with you.
- Pay attention to billing cycles and bank account cycles; contact your bank or credit card company if you don't receive your monthly statement at the normal time.
- Be wary of scams and phony offers designed to get you to reveal personal information.

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## IF YOU BECOME A VICTIM

- Contact the fraud departments of the three credit bureaus, using the phone numbers and website addresses listed above.
- Close any accounts you believe have been fraudulently opened or tampered with.
- File a police report with your local law enforcement agency. In Cape Coral, call the Cape Coral Police Department at **574-3223**.
- Contact the Federal Trade Commission Identity Theft Hotline **1-877-438-4338**.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information about identity theft, visit the United States government identity theft website at [www.consumer.gov/idtheft](http://www.consumer.gov/idtheft) .

# Pinnacle Technology Added to Charter Schools

Information Technology is a key component of today's school environment. The City opened Oasis Charter Elementary School in August 2006, and the school is equipped with more than 150 computers and the latest educational software for student classroom use. Current priorities include implementation of the Pinnacle Grade & Attendance system from Excelsior Corporation and planning the technology infrastructure for the Charter Elementary School North and Oasis Middle School, which are opening in August 2006. In addition to allowing school staff to view attendance and grade details, Pinnacle will allow parents to view grades, assignments and attendance details online.

# Scams

Another common crime, especially against elderly residents, involves a variety of scams and con games. Here are some tips to help keep you from becoming a victim:

- Do not participate in sweepstakes offers either by mail or over the phone, especially if there is an entry fee. The odds against winning are astronomical and many sweepstakes are scams and frauds.
- Never buy anything over the phone on the spur of the moment. Just say, "No thank you" and hang up.
- Before making investments or major purchases, ask family members and friends to recommend reputable firms.
- Don't make a buying decision or investment based on emotion. Never let a salesperson convince you to "do it for the kids" or "do it for your grandchildren."
- Beware of door-to-door sales people. Never invite them, or any other stranger, into your home.
- Never make a buying decision or investment at the time of the sales pitch. Count to three – wait three days before deciding.
- Before making a charitable contribution, ask for a written financial report from the organization.
- Get all estimates for repair work in writing. Before signing any contract, read and understand all terms and conditions, including the "fine print."
- NEVER give personal or financial information to someone you don't know. This includes your Social Security number, bank account numbers, driver license number, and credit card numbers.
- Remember, if an offer sounds too good to be true, it probably is.
- Most important: Never, ever, give money to a stranger, no matter what story he tells you. Con artists have been known to impersonate charity workers, bank examiners, clergymen, even police officers. Repeat – NEVER give money to a stranger, no matter what story he tells you!

# Why Do Code Enforcement Procedures Take Time?

*Residents expect quick resolution; however, Code process is set by state law*

Residents who register code complaints against property owners often bemoan the amount of time it takes to bring a property into compliance. They expect the problem to be resolved quickly and permanently. While the City also shares the same expectations, there is a process established by state law for code compliance. The procedures for code compliance are mandated by Chapter 162 of Florida State Statutes. The law is designed to obtain voluntary compliance from homeowners.

When a code violation occurs, the property owner receives a “notice of violation” in person or via certified mailing. The owner is given a specified time period (usually five or 10 days) from that date to bring the violation into compliance. If the notice cannot be delivered in person or if they fail to claim a certified mailing, an officer then must post the notice on the property for 10 days. In either event, when the appropriate time period passes, the officer will check the property again for compliance. If the violation remains, the case will be forwarded to the City Clerk for the purpose of setting a hearing date before the City’s Special Magistrate. The magistrate is appointed by City Council and sits in judgment of each case. The official notice of the hearing is delivered by the same procedure as the notice of violation (certified mail or posting if mail unclaimed).

It is not unusual for a hearing to occur 60 or even 90 days after the violation is first observed.

When the case goes to a hearing and the respondent is found guilty, there is a prosecutorial fee of \$94 and a fine imposed.

The magistrate will set a date for the property to come into compliance, and the average fine can be about \$100 per day if the violation still remains past this date. If the fine and fee is not paid in the time ordered, the amount becomes a lien on the property and continues to accumulate daily until the violation is corrected.

Once a property owner is found guilty of a violation, the process is much simpler if the violation recurs. For a repeat violator, fines start the day a code officer observes the violation and average about \$150 per day. The hearing notification is still done, but fines run during the entire process.

An average of 94 percent of code violations in the City of Cape Coral are corrected prior to a hearing being requested. When a property owner is found guilty at a hearing, 99.8 percent are corrected within one year of the violation being discovered, and fines and costs are paid. The other remaining cases have liens imposed and are subject to collection.

Residents also must keep in mind that each time a code violation is corrected within the given grace period, the case is closed. If the violation occurs again, the clock starts over and a new case begins.

The code compliance process is in place to protect property rights and set down an organized and reasonable time frame. While it can be frustrating to some residents who want to see immediate results, state laws create procedures that best benefit the vast majority of citizens, especially those 94 percent of violations, which are corrected within the grace period.

# City Web Page is Great Information Source

The City constantly looks for opportunities to provide services and information to the public via our official government web page ([www.capegov.org](http://www.capegov.org)). We often receive calls or emails from individuals looking for a variety of topics, and our Web page is good place to start.

Here are some of the online services available on the City site:

- Apply for a job
- Find your City Council member
- Pay your water bill
- Schedule inspections
- Research and view a property via our GIS service
- File a complaint
- Register your burglar alarm
- Renew a business license
- Look up sexual predator/offender
- Bid on City surplus equipment
- Watch CapeTV
- Live customer support or leave message

Here are some examples of information/forms that are available on the website:

- Building permit forms
- City budget (and various other documents at “Document Center”)
- City Codes and Ordinances (including supplements and ordinances passed/not yet codified)
- Council meeting agendas, archives and minutes
- Trash/recycling/yard waste/holiday pickup schedule (under “City Directory”)
- Check the weather

- Crime statistics
- Parks & Recreation Program Guide
- Traffic counts
- Utilities extension areas
- Future land use map
- Turn on/shut off water and sewer

Please note that the City Website contains a significant number of pages. Because of this, the site contains a “search” function at the top of the page to aid visitors in locating specific information. Using the search function will narrow down potential pages.

## What You Will Not Find on Our Website (and where to look)

Property tax information ([www.leetc.com](http://www.leetc.com))

Assessed property values, homestead ([www.leepa.org](http://www.leepa.org))

Official records, court cases, jury duty ([www.leeclerk.com](http://www.leeclerk.com))

Car/Boat titles and registration ([www.leetc.com](http://www.leetc.com))

Official records, court cases, jury duty ([www.leeclerk.com](http://www.leeclerk.com))

Driver's License ([www.hsmv.state.fl.us](http://www.hsmv.state.fl.us).)



# New Projects Coming to Cape Coral

## **Embers Lake Estates**

The City has received a Planned Development Project application from Embers Lake Estates for a multi-family and commercial activity center subdivision. The subject property is located on Embers Parkway on a 104-acre site. The proposed site will consist of a multi-family subdivision, developed in 20-acre tracts for multi-family development, and one commercial activity center.

## **The Shops at Surfside and Florida Gulf Bank at Sandoval**

An amendment to an existing Planned Development Project has been submitted to add a shopping center tract, totaling 11.42 acres, at Sandoval. Also included in this amendment are six out-parcels ranging in size from .92 acres to 2.55 acres. The location of the shopping center is on the corner of Surfside Boulevard and Veterans Parkway West. A site plan also has been received for Florida Gulf Bank. This is located at the corner of Sandoval Boulevard and Veterans Parkway West (beside The Shops at Surfside).

## **Kismet Industrial Park**

City staff received a site plan application from Tri-State Development, LLC for Kismet Industrial Park. The proposed

project will construct a warehouse facility on a 25-acre parcel with Phase 1 to include six buildings, each about 12,000 square feet for a total of 72,000 square feet. The site is located at 2313 NE 24th Avenue off Littleton Road.

## **Pizzeria Uno**

Also under review at this time is a site plan application for Pizzeria Uno. Site Plan approval is being requested for this 7,000-square-foot restaurant. The project is located at 738 Pine Island Rd SW.

## **Pine Island Road Saturn Dealership**

A site plan application has been received for a Saturn Dealership located at 208, 308 and 404 NE Pine Island Rd. The site will consist of two separate dealerships. The total square footage of the two buildings is 41,300 square feet.

## **Neighborhood Storage and Commercial Complex**

A site plan was submitted to construct this storage facility with six buildings, totaling 91,919 square feet and a 16,800-square-foot retail center on 7.95 acres. The entire site consists of 10.92 acres and is located on Four Mile Cove Parkway, west of the Coral Cove Apartment Complex, and south of the Wal-Mart Super Center.

## Standerfer Hired as New Community Development Director

City Manager Terry Stewart has hired Norman R. Standerfer, AICP, as the City's new Director of the Department of Community Development. Standerfer began his new job on February 21.

Standerfer is the CEO of NRS Associates in Raleigh, NC. For the past 20 years, he has served clients in the areas of public participation programs, comprehensive planning, zoning and land development regulations, public facility analysis, and environmental and floodplain management.

He served as the director of the Planning Department in Durham, NC from October 1998 to May 2001. He also

worked for the City of Las Vegas from 1990 – 1994. Standerfer spent five years with the City of Austin, TX, and prior to that worked briefly in Broward County.

Sanderfer received both his Bachelor of Arts in Architecture and Master's Degree in Regional and City Planning from the University of Oklahoma. He has been a member of the American Planning Association since 1985 and was the recipient of several Honor Awards through the organization.

Standerfer replaces Carl Schwing, who was promoted to the position of Assistant City Manager.

# Council Approves Changes to Drainage Design Standards

During the past five years, the City of Cape Coral has experienced tremendous residential growth. This growth has brought new challenges with regard to infrastructure and utilities planning. While some of the new homes are being built within the areas serviced by City water and sewer, most of the new residential construction is outside the current utility or expansion areas. These areas require the installation of on-site wells, septic tanks and drainfields.

The regulations for installing on-site septic and drainfields have changed over time. Today, septic tanks and drainfields are required to be elevated well above elevations required several years ago, and new homes must be placed on higher fills to meet the wastewater elevation requirements of the septic drainage field.

The result of these differing elevations is that newer homes are sitting higher than older adjacent houses. This is creating drainage concerns for the homeowners of these properties at lower elevations. This situation was not addressed in the City's Drainage Design Standards; therefore, a review and revision to clarify these standards was required.

The Drainage Design Standards incorporate standards required by the South Florida Water Management District, State of Florida Department of Transportation, Florida State Statutes, U.S. Environmental Protection

Agency, Clean Water Act of 1973, City of Cape Coral codes and the Florida Building Code. The design standards apply a standardized method of design for drainage projects, and assist design professionals and the construction industry with the regulations required by these government agencies.

The new standards apply to all new and retro fit development and are intended to take a proactive approach to potential drainage issues. The Drainage Design Standards require the contractor or the design professional to provide a drainage plan that identifies any existing site conditions. They must then provide a solution for the collection and diversion of the new development's stormwater run-off to the front swale located within the public right-of-way.

Additional requirements include a maximum finish grade slope of 4:1 between the structure and the side property line, a typical swale construction detail and minimum grades for the drainage swales located between the properties. Although a portion of the rear yard was designed to collect water where it could percolate into the soil, the new standard requires rear yard water to be diverted to the public swale when possible. Any drainage issues located within the public right-of-way remain the responsibility of the City of Cape Coral.

## Fine Arts for Kids Summer Camp

School will be out soon, which means parents will be looking at summer camp options for their kids. One option is the annual, all-day art camp at the Cape Coral Arts Studio, where kids can experience the creative process in pottery, mixed media crafts, drawing and painting. This camp is available to children ages 7-12 who have completed 1st grade. There are four sessions:

- Session 1: May 30 – June 9
- Session 2: June 12 – June 23
- Session 3: June 26 – July 7 (closed July 4th)
- Session 4: July 10 – July 21

The hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with early drop-off beginning at 8 a.m. and late pick-up ending at 5:30 p.m. The fees for non-residents are \$187 per session. Resident fees are \$170 per session. Early drop-off is \$10 per camper per session. Late pick-up is \$10 per camper per session. A \$50 non-refundable deposit per camper, per session is required to reserve a place for your child with the balance due when the session begins.

**EARLY REGISTRATION:** Save \$10 per child per session when registering by 5 p.m. on Friday, May 12.

Registration can be done in person, by mail or over the phone with any major credit card. Please call the Cape Coral Arts Studio at **574-0802** for registration or questions. The Cape Coral Arts Studio is located at 4533 Coronado Parkway.



# Work Continues on Expansion of Water and Wastewater Plants

The expansion program for the City's water and sewer plants is moving forward. The City had to accelerate the timeline for these projects to meet the utility service needs of our rapidly growing city. Here is the update on the projects:

## **Reverse Osmosis Water Plants**

The existing Southwest Reverse Osmosis (RO) Water Treatment Plant is being expanded from a 15.0 million gallon per day (MGD) facility to an 18.1 MGD facility. The engineering design for this expansion is 90 percent complete. This expansion requires the addition of eight raw water wells, and six of these wells have been drilled to date. Construction of the raw water transmission piping required to connect the wells to the RO Water Treatment Plant is in progress. Design is nearing completion for the emergency backup power system for the wells (required by state regulations). The backup system will power existing and new wells in the event of a power outage. All of the Southwest RO Water Treatment Plant expansion related projects should be complete in early 2007, with the additional water treatment plant capacity available at that time.

A new RO Water Treatment Plant will be constructed in North Cape Coral in the vicinity of Kismet Parkway and Chiquita Boulevard. The first phase of the water plant will have a treatment capacity of 12.0 MGD. Two future phases will provide 12.0 MGD each, for a total treatment capacity of 36.0 MGD. Engineering design of the first phase of the water plant is 90 percent complete. Permits for construction have been received from the regulatory agencies, and the City is awaiting approval of the site plan. Construction should begin in May or June of this year, with completion scheduled for late summer 2008. Design of the raw water well field, which will have 22 wells, is 50 percent complete. Design for the emergency back-up power system, raw water transmission piping and treated water transmission piping also is about 50 percent complete.

## **Wastewater Treatment Plants**

The Everest Water Reclamation Facility (WRF) is being expanded from 8.5 MGD to 13.4 MGD. To expedite the expansion schedule, the project is being implemented in three construction phases: demolition, minor modifications and major modifications. The demolition contract is in progress, while the minor modifications construction work is on schedule to begin this spring pending City site plan approval. Approval from the regulatory agencies has been received. The major modifications engineering design is 90 percent complete. Receipt of regulatory permits from the Environmental Protection Agency is anticipated this summer, with construction to begin immediately thereafter. Construction should be completed by fall 2008. A parallel wet weather discharge pipeline, which will serve the expanded Everest WRF, has been designed and is currently under construction along Everest Parkway.

The Southwest WRF is being expanded from 6.6 MGD to 15.0 MGD. Again to expedite the construction schedule, the project is being implemented in two construction phases: phase I – minor modifications; phase II – major modifications. The minor modifications are scheduled to begin in March/April pending City site plan approval. Approval from the regulatory agencies has been received. The major modifications engineering design is 90 percent complete. Anticipate regulatory approval by June of this year with construction to begin immediately thereafter. Construction completion is scheduled for the end of 2008.

A new North WRF is planned to be in service by the summer of 2010. This facility will be located adjacent to the new North RO Plant. The first phase is to have a treatment capacity of 10.0 MGD with build-out capacity of 20.0 MGD. Currently, the engineering scope of work and budget are under development.

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### **Irrigation Water Supply**

The City is working on several projects to increase irrigation water supply and to conserve these supplies. One of the projects is a water resources study, which will address the long-term needs of the city for both domestic and irrigation water use. Construction of weir improvements is now in progress, and this will provide additional water storage for irrigation supply. These improvements should be ready for next year's dry season. A master plan is being developed for Aquifer Storage and Recovery Wells, which will store water received during the rainy season for irrigation use in the dry season. Site evaluation for selection of well locations is in progress, and the plan is about 50 percent complete at this time.

## **Academic Village Update**

The City of Cape Coral has envisioned the development of an academic learning center for the community at the northwest corner of Del Prado Boulevard and Kismet Parkway. To bring this vision to reality, the City is bringing a consultant onboard through a competitive qualifying process. This Request for Qualification (RFQ) process is nearing completion to select a consultant for a single point responsibility. The selected consultant will spearhead the Academic Village phased development effort through master planning, design and construction.

City staff has been working with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and South Florida Water Management District to complete the environmental permit process, and resolve specific issues of wetlands and environmental impact for the entire site. The City submitted a site plan to the Army Corps more than a year ago, and received comments back from the Corps this past January. The City is working on a response to these comments.

## **Sun Splash Family Waterpark Now Open**

Sun Splash Family Waterpark is now open for its 15th season of recreational fun. Sun Splash is a 12-acre community aquatic facility located at 400 Santa Barbara Boulevard near Lake Kennedy. The park offers a variety of water activities for swimmers and non-swimmers.

From the five-story Electric Slide to the Main Stream River, Sun Splash has a water adventure for everyone. The park also has volleyball courts, an arcade and lounge chairs available. Here are the daily rates for admission (plus tax):

Adults and children 48" and taller.....	\$12.95
Children under 48" tall.....	\$10.95
Children age 2 and under.....	\$2.95
Senior citizens age 55 and older.....	\$6.95

Cape Coral residents with proof of residency receive a \$2 discount off general admission (except for senior citizens and children under age 2). Season passes are available. Parking is \$1 per car.

Operating hours at the beginning of the season are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday through Sunday. The waterpark begins the extended summer schedule on May 22 and will be open seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The waterpark also will be open on Thursday and Saturday nights from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. for Date Night (\$4.95 per person) and Family Carload night (\$21.95 for a carload of up to seven persons). Friday and Sunday evenings are reserved for community fund-raisers as local organizations, schools, and churches take advantage of the most fun fund-raiser in the area.

For more information on programs, jobs, hours of operation, group sales and rentals, call the park at **574-0558**.

## Lawn Irrigation Limited to Two Days per Week

*City continues to enforce tighter water conservation schedule.*

Water is a limited resource in Cape Coral especially during the annual dry season. In February 2005, City Council approved tighter watering restrictions that limit residential irrigation to two days each week.

The emergency watering ordinance also eliminated the “warning” ticket. First violations will result in a \$25 fine. A second violation is a \$100 fine, and the third violation will cost \$200. City code compliance officers will be out early and often to ensure that residents adhere to the watering schedule.

We now are approaching the time of year when demand for irrigation becomes excessive. Irrigation usage often can exceed 40 million gallons per day, which is far more water than necessary to keep grass green. Overuse of irrigation water can cause a rapid drawdown of the aquifer, which can threaten the potable water supply in areas served by private wells.

Cape Coral is experiencing rapid growth, and this growth will continue to put significant stress on the water resources available for both irrigation and domestic use. The City is

developing and implementing long-range plans to address the growing demand for water. However, the benefits from these improvements may be 3 to 5 years away.

Please be a responsible and wise steward of our water resources and follow the watering schedule. Remember that during the dry season, your lawn does not require as much water as it receives during the rainy season.

Here is the watering schedule, which is in effect year-round.

### Watering Schedule

Even homes: Thursday and Sunday

Odd homes: Wednesday and Saturday

Non-residential: Monday, Wednesday and Friday

No watering between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Maximum of 4 hours per day

## Hurricane Season Approaching

The 2006 Hurricane Season is fast approaching. The season begins June 1 and continues through November 30. While there have been no predictions yet on the level of activity expected this year, Cape Coral residents should begin planning as if the city will be impacted again.

Our next issue of On The Move will have our annual hurricane preparation information, and residents are encouraged to review the articles and plan accordingly this year. “Be Prepared” is the mantra during this annual storm season, and we would like to see every resident stocked and ready for any potential impacts from major storm activity. Look for information in the summer issue of this newsletter, which will be distributed toward the end of June.

