

'PARK AVENUE'

A NEWSLETTER BY AND FOR ROYAL PARK RESIDENTS

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'Happy Father's Day'...June 18th

Father's Day, contrary to popular misconception, was not established as a holiday in order to help greeting card manufacturers sell more cards. In fact when a "father's day" was first proposed there were no Father's Day cards!

Mrs. John B. Dodd, of Washington, first proposed the idea of a "father's day" in 1909. Mrs. Dodd wanted a special day to honor her father, William Smart. William Smart, a Civil War veteran, was widowed when his wife (Mrs. Dodd's mother) died in childbirth with their sixth child. Mr. Smart was left to raise the newborn and his other five children by himself on a rural

farm in eastern Washington state. It was after Mrs. Dodd became an adult that she realized the strength and selflessness her father had shown in raising his children as a single parent.

The first Father's Day was observed on June 19, 1910 in Spokane Washington. At about the same time in various towns and cities across American other people were beginning to celebrate a "father's day." In 1924 President Calvin Coolidge supported the idea of a national Father's Day. Finally in 1966 President Lyndon Johnson signed a presidential proclamation declaring the 3rd Sunday of June as Father's Day.



Father's Day has become a day to not only honor your father, but all men who act as a father figure. Stepfathers, uncles, grandfathers, and adult male friends are all honored on Father's Day.

Presidential Prose: Busy, Busy, Busy!

Contributor: Harvey Ross

The Royal Park Board of Directors has been very busy working for the benefit of the owners.

The painting project is almost complete. Whether walking or driving through the complex, it sure looks nice to see clean, white railings. Now that our buildings are looking more attractive, we mustn't neglect our grounds. Please dispose of litter in the trash rooms, not on our grounds. Let's all work together to keep our buildings and grounds looking great!

As of June 1st, we now own our laundry machines, with all monies earned staying within Royal Park. Let's work to keep them in good working condition.

Have you all seen the new BBQ grills and picnic tables? As there is no eating on the pool decks, please utilize these areas for picnics. Also, as picnic tables cannot be reserved, let us be courteous and share with others.

We will begin the black-topping of our roads towards the end of June or early July.

Should you plan to be away, please provide a key to someone so that they can move your car.

Finally, I hope you have a great summer, and, if traveling, be careful!





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Men's Club Season Ends

Contributor: Arthur Steiner

The Royal Park Men's Club recently closed its 2005/2006 season, having provided residents with several various successful events.

In February, a "Valentine Dance" was sponsored, providing all residents a fun and 'free' evening, while March brought the luck of the Irish to all with a St. Patrick's Dinner & Dance, complete with a reasonable admission fee to parlay the costs of a traditional and lavish corned-beef and cabbage dinner.

As in the past, the popular 'All You Can Eat' picnics brought together many residents for food, fun, and socialization. In all, there were three picnics, including all the hot dogs, hamburgers, and trimmings one could want. At the affordable price of \$2.50 per person, this event is sure to make a come-back next season.

At all of these affairs, a 50/50 drawing was held, with the proceeds contributing to and providing the where-with-all for continuing future Royal Park social events. Sadly, one "let-down" was the George Washington Day Yard Sale. This year's event drew only 11 vendors, and even fewer customers! What a shame! As a result, this event has been eliminated from the 2007 schedule, yet, if sufficient interest is shown, it could be reinstated in 2008.

The 2005/2006 season culminated with a great dinner for the members and wives (or dates). Currently, membership is approximately thirty (30) members, with all working hard to provide for and maintain social activities for Royal Park residents. Obviously, the larger the membership and involvement, the more and varied social activities we'll be able to provide.

Our next season will begin in December 2006; we'd love to see a lot of you join us in our membership!



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A note from the newest member of the Board of Directors

My name is Dan Smith. I was appointed to the Board at the last meeting to replace Cameron Malcolm, who recently left Royal Park. I am also the Chairman of the Building and Grounds Committee.

First, I'd like to thank the Board for giving me the opportunity to work with them in making Royal Park a better place to live. I look forward to the challenges ahead that face the complex.

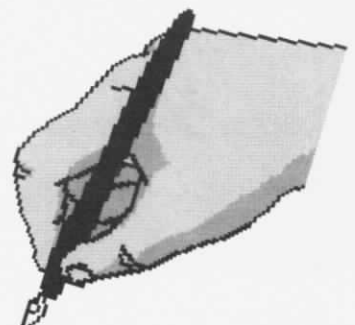
Recently, the application for the **B**roward **B**eautiful **C**ommunity **G**rants **P**rogram has been mailed in. Bob O'Kon, Ray Stein and I put a lot of work into getting the application

ready for submission. Should we be successful, the program may grant up to \$10,000 toward front-entrance beautification. It is out of our hands now and work cannot begin until we get word from the BBCGP. It looks like that will be sometime in October. Remember, good things come to those who wait!

In other Building and Grounds news, Nancy McNeill is working to clarify the cleaning persons' responsibilities to be sure we are getting the most out of the service.

We are also looking into new grounds-keeping services to care for the lawn and shrubs. This should result in improvements of the condition of the grass.

We will soon have email for the Building and Grounds Committee to which you can send questions and comments about, you guessed it, issues pertaining to buildings and grounds. Of course, we welcome any new members that are interested in joining the committee. Please notify the office if you'd like to help out!



Free Use of Broward County Trash Transfer Station

City of Oakland Park residents are now permitted **free** access to Broward County's Trash Transfer Station in Davie following a Trash Transfer Station Agreement negotiated by Oakland Park officials on behalf of the City's 42,421 residents.

The announcement was made by Dave Womacks, Director of the City of Oakland Park's Public Works Department.

Residents are limited to four (4) visits per calendar month and are required to show proof of residency at all times – a

current Florida driver's license/photo identification **AND** a City of Oakland Park water bill and/or tax notice **matching** the name and address. Commercial or small business waste will not be accepted.

Residents are required to off-load and place material in the dumpster themselves and must abide by the unloading direction of the site supervisor. Children under the age of 16 are not permitted in the unloading area. Access and offloading assistance is provided for

persons with proof of disability. For a complete list of the materials that are and are not accepted at the Residential Trash Transfer Station, please log on to www.oaklandparkfl.org and view the Public Works Department's Solid Waste page.

MATERIALS ACCEPTED:

Residential Rubbish:

- Home furnishings;
- Yard Waste

Special Waste:

- Used motor oil;
- Lead acid batteries;
- Latex and oil-based paints (no five gallon containers accepted);
- Tires

Recyclable Materials:

- Ferrous metals: white goods (home appliances)
- Non-Ferrous metals: Aluminum, brass, copper, and auto radiators (must be empty of any liquids).

MATERIALS NOT ACCEPTED:

- Any liquids (gas, etc.);
- Abandoned vehicles or vehicle parts;

- Garbage;
- Hazardous waste and/or household hazardous waste;
- Radioactive materials;
- Explosives;
- Body waste;
- Dead animals;
- Fuel tanks, gas tanks, cylinder tanks.

The Transfer Station is open to residents on **Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.** and is located at **5490 Reese Road in Davie**. From the I-595 Exit at Davie Road, proceed south on Davie Road 1/2 mile on and turn left Reese Road (next to Shoney's). Head east on Reese Road to 1/2 mile to the Transfer Station entrance on the right. For more information, please call **954-765-4999**.



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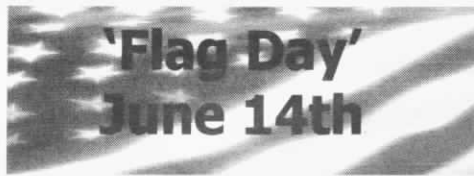
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No one knows with absolute certainty who designed the first stars and stripes or who made it. Congressman Francis Hopkinson seems most likely to have designed it, and few historians believe that Betsy Ross, a Philadelphia seamstress, made the first one.

Until the Executive Order of June 24, 1912, neither the order of the stars nor the proportions of the flag was prescribed. Consequently, flags dating before this period sometimes show unusual arrangements of the stars and odd proportions, these features being left to the discretion of the flag maker. In general, however, straight rows of stars and proportions similar to those later adopted officially were used. The principal acts affecting the flag of the United States are the following:

- On June 14, 1777, in order to establish an official flag for the new nation, the Continental Congress passed the first Flag Act: "Resolved, That the flag of the United States be made of thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new Constellation."
- Act of January 13, 1794 - provided for 15 stripes and 15 stars after May 1795.
- Act of April 4, 1818 - provided for 13 stripes and one star for each state, to be added to the flag on the 4th of July following the admission of each new state, signed by President Monroe.
- Executive Order of President Taft dated June 24, 1912 - established proportions of the flag and provided for arrangement of the stars in six horizontal rows of eight each, a single point of each star to be upward.
- Executive Order of President Eisenhower dated January 3, 1959 - provided for the arrangement of the stars in seven rows of seven stars each, staggered horizontally and vertically.
- Executive Order of President Eisenhower dated August 21, 1959 - provided for the arrangement of the stars in nine rows of stars staggered horizontally and eleven rows of stars staggered vertically.



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Week One**Grocery Store:**

- one gallon of water per person
- one large jar of peanut butter
- one meat group item
- one can ready-to-eat soup
- one box matches in waterproof container
- one vegetable group item
- one package paper plates

Other Supplies:

- one flashlight with batteries
- tarpaulin for temporary roof repairs
- utility knife

Week Two**Grocery Store:**

- one vegetable group item
- one fruit group item
- one comfort food item
- one bottle unscented bleach
- one medicine dropper
- one package of paper cups
- one meat group item

Other Supplies:

- self-starting charcoal, sterno or propane for grill or camp stove
- pliers
- plastic safety glasses/goggles

Week Three**Grocery Store:**

- one gallon of water per person
- one jar of jelly or jam
- one meat group item
- one can ready-to-eat soup
- one fruit group item
- one hand-operated can opener
- one package paper napkins

Other Supplies:

- one portable am/fm radio — battery-operated or hand crank
- hatchet or axe
- roll of duct tape

Week Four**Grocery Store:**

- one bread group item
- one roll of paper towels
- one vegetable group item
- one roll of plastic wrap
- one meat group item
- one milk group item
- one bottle hand sanitizer

Other Supplies:

- one flashlight with batteries
- heavy-duty work gloves
- first aid kit supplies

Week Five**Grocery Store:**

- one meat group item
- one can of ready-to-eat soup
- one fruit group item
- one box large re-sealable food storage bags
- one vegetable group item
- one bread group item

Other Supplies:

- extra batteries for radio
- first aid kit supplies
- fire extinguisher

Week Six**Grocery Store:**

- one gallon of water per person
- one bread group item
- one box sanitary wipes
- one roll heavy-duty aluminum foil
- one package paper bowls
- one meat group item

Other Supplies:

- assorted nails
- one flashlight with batteries
- hardline telephone with jack (not cordless)

Week Seven**Grocery Store:**

- one meat group item
- one can ready-to-eat soup
- one box cereal
- one milk group item
- one comfort group item
- one vegetable group item

Other Supplies:

- extra batteries for flashlights
- hammer
- first aid kit supplies

Week Eight**Grocery Store:**

- one gallon of water per person
- one vegetable group item
- one meat group item
- one box heavy-duty garbage bags
- one package plastic eating utensils
- one roll paper towels

Other Supplies:

- flashlight with batteries
- waterproof portable plastic container with lid for hurricane kit and important papers

8 Week Hurricane Kit Shopping Guide

Note: Suggested list for a family of four. Add extra items depending on your family size.

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Hurricane Kit Shopping Guide

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Food Groups For Shopping Guide

Bread Group Items

Crackers, dry bread sticks, pretzels, melba toast, rice and popcorn cakes, breakfast cereal, dry pasta, nutritional bars, bread (keep frozen until needed)

Meat Group Items

Canned or packaged tuna, chicken/turkey, meat, soup with beans or meat, sardines, beans, chili with meat or beans, ravioli/spaghetti, ham/pork, stew, Vienna sausage, peanut butter and nuts, and commercially prepared beef or turkey jerky

Milk Group Items

Shelf stable milk (keep chilled after opening), powdered milk (will need extra water), canned and boxed pudding (on grocery shelves, not in refrigerator section), nutritional drinks (e.g., Ensure)

Vegetable Group Items

Canned vegetables, soups of all types (cup of noodles, canned), canned 3-bean salad

Fruit Group Items

Canned fruit, applesauce, dried fruits (raisins, dates, apricots, etc.) and 100% fruit juice (not fruit drinks or punch)

Comfort Foods

Quick energy snacks such as trail mix, granola and fruit bars, cookies, hard candy, lollipops, instant coffee, tea bags

Items for Infants & Toddlers

Make sure to include ample amounts of food, formula (water), juice, diapers and wipes. If you plan to evacuate to a Red Cross Hurricane Shelter, bring your baby kit along with a stroller, portable crib or play pen.

Items for Elderly

Your kit should include water and food items that address special dietary needs such as nutritional supplement drinks and low-sodium food. Be sure to include enough medical supplies and prescription drugs to last two weeks.

Note: Before purchasing instant food be sure you have enough water for reconstitution and a cooking source. Camp stoves and a chafing dish/hot/cold pot with steam can be used. You can also purchase ready-to-light charcoal for your outdoor grill. Never use any of these cooking sources inside your house or garage. Always cook outside.

How To Use The Shopping Guide

As hurricane season approaches (June 1 – November 30), all residents are encouraged to get prepared by creating a family hurricane plan and assembling a hurricane supply kit. These preparedness steps are key to safely weathering a storm, or any other disaster.

The eight-week Shopping Guide identifies the basic items required to comfortably sustain you and your family for 3-5 days following a storm that may leave you without power and potable water. Adding a few items to your regular shopping list each week is the easiest way to complete your Hurricane Kit with minimal impact to your budget.

This Guide also includes information for preparing a Hurricane Kit for infants, the elderly and your pet. A "how to" guide for creating a family plan and assembling a first aid kit are also included.

For a comprehensive guide to hurricane preparedness, visit www.broward.org/hurricane. This hurricane season, let's all be **Ready – Set – Safe.**

10 Steps To Creating An Effective Hurricane Plan

- Hold a family meeting to discuss the hazards of hurricanes.
- Determine whether you live in an evacuation zone and, if so, where you will go if an evacuation order is given.
- Inventory your home possessions and review your insurance policies.
- Assess your home for vulnerable areas: roof, windows, garage door, landscaping, etc.
- Decide where you will store your vehicle, boat or RV.
- Decide what actions you need to take to protect your home and your property and to keep as comfortable as possible during recovery.
- Determine whether anyone in your home is elderly or has special needs and, if so, make arrangements in advance to accommodate those needs.
- Determine how you will address your pet's needs. Be sure to include large animals such as horses in your plans.
- Determine your family's water, food and medical needs and build your hurricane kit according to those needs.
- Let others know your hurricane plan, either family or friends. Establish an out-of-town contact.

Pet Survival Kit

- A crate or carrier large enough for the animal to stand and turn around
- Two-week supply of food
- Water
- Cat litter
- Toys and/or blanket
- Treats
- Photo of the pet with you (to prove you are the owner)
- Rabies certificate and current license
- Cleaning supplies (newspaper, plastic bags with ties, paper towels, disinfectant)



First Aid Kit

Assemble a first aid kit. A first aid kit should include:

- Sterile adhesive bandages in assorted sizes
- 2-inch sterile gauze pads (4-6)
- 4-inch sterile gauze pads (4-6)
- Hypo-allergenic adhesive tape
- Triangular bandages (3)
- 2-inch sterile roller bandages (3 rolls)
- 3-inch sterile roller bandages (3 rolls)
- Scissors
- Tweezers
- Needle
- Moistened towelettes
- Antiseptic
- Thermometer
- Tongue blades (2)
- Tube of petroleum jelly or other lubricant
- Assorted sizes of safety pins
- Cleansing agent/soap
- Latex gloves (2 pair)
- Sunscreen