
WESTGATE CRA GAZETTE

A quarterly newsletter for the residents of the Westgate CRA District

CELEBRATE THE 50s 60s 70s

CELEBRATE WESTGATE...Family, Community... Diversity Festival will be held Saturday, April 11, 2015 from 11:00am to 3:00 pm at the Westgate Recreation Center, 3691 Oswego Avenue, West Palm Beach, Fl. 33409.

The Best Part—everything is FREE

The theme this year is “**A Blast From The Past...50s, 60s, 70s**”. We will have our resource tent with social service and community agencies on hand to distribute valuable information. The Westgate Wellness Center will be in attendance to perform medical testing. We also have the mural artist and the Family art tent. The splash pad is open. We will have inflatables for all ages and a face painter. Of course, our resident DJ will be in attendance, and free food will be provided. New this year **Funclick** will be in attendance to take great photos of your entire family.

If you have clothing from the 50s, 60s and 70s, please wear them. You never know, there might be a prize for the best dressed.

So, bring your lawn chairs and blankets and spent an afternoon in the park. There’s something for everyone. Hope to see you there!!



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Special points of interest:

- Rooney's 5K Race
- Celebrate Westgate
- Flood Insurance Information

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ROONEY'S 5K COMING TO WESTGATE CRA

The 8th Annual Rooney's 5K Run/Walk will be held Saturday, April 11, 2015 at 7:30 a.m. at the Palm Beach Kennel Club.

Activities will include:

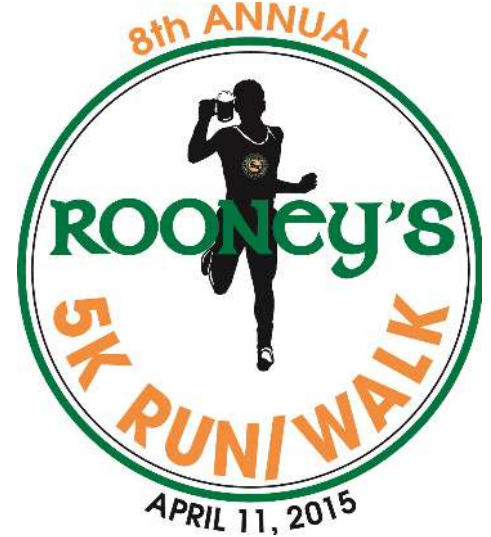
- 5K run/Walk
- Kids 1 Mile Run/Walk
- Beat The Bunny
- Rooney's Signature Irish Breakfast
- Awards, Prizes, Raffles & More!

Entry Fees:

General Registration: Westgate CRA Residents/Military \$20 until 4/10/15

Online Registration: RooneysGolfFoundation.org

Or Contact: 561-683-2222, ext. 141 or 146



"We're very excited to have the 5K here in the CRA. This is a great opportunity to showcase our neighborhoods."

Ronald L. Daniels, Board Chair

TIPS TO ENJOY THE ROONEY'S 5K RACE

For the runners and walkers:

When first starting your 5K training or any new sports activity, check with your doctor first. You should be able to walk at a 15 minutes per mile brisk pace for 30 minutes. If you cannot, you should build your walking distance first. If you are a runner, gradually add running to your regimen by slowly adding a combination of fast walking and running. The recommended time for the walk/run is two minutes of running followed by four minutes of walking for 30 minutes. You can gradually increase the running while decreasing the walking until you can run for 30 consecutive minutes.

For the most dedicated athletic supporters:

The first and most important tool of the trade is a good alarm clock since there is no way you would get out of bed at seven o'clock on a Saturday morning to run around in your neighborhood much less get in your car and drive to someone else's neighborhood to cheer on your "oh so in-shape" friends or relatives. The second item of necessity is a good lightweight camping chair complete with cup holders and foot and headrests like the Coleman Lazy One model which are in stock at your local Sears or Target stores. The third and most critical item is a fully charged cell phone for the occasional Facebooking, Twittering, or the finish line photo with your runner or walker. The premium seats are the ones closest to the Finish Line though you must do some neck stretches for a few minutes prior to getting in position since the Start/Finish line may be one in the same and there are nuances to gracefully turning your chair around. Remember to stay loose and relax since you need all your energy for the real workout and closer event following the Run/Walk...the traditional Irish Breakfast AND Celebrate Westgate Festival at the Westgate Community Center!!!

HOLIDAY CONTEST WINNERS AND YARD OF THE MONTH WINNER



Elizee Michel, Executive Director of the Westgate CRA presents (l-r) \$100 gift card to The Becerra Family for the Best Use of Holiday Characters and to the Toledo Family for the Best Use Of Lights.

The January winner of the Yard of the month, Nubia Godoy, received a \$50 Gift Certificate.

FLOOD INSURANCE RATES LIKELY TO INCREASE AFTER APRIL 1

Starting on April 1, 2015, the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) will start adopting new Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM). As a result, flood insurance rates and other charges will be revised (most likely increased) for most new and many existing policies.

Flood maps inform communities about the local flood risk and help set minimum floodplain standards for communities to build safely. They determine the cost of flood insurance, which helps property owners to financially protect themselves against flooding. The lower the degree of risk, the lower the flood insurance premium will be.

The goal of this 2014 congressionally mandated legislation is to stabilize the National Flood Insurance Program by raising rates on certain classes of property to provide coverage that reflects the true flood risk faced by a community. The change will ultimately decrease the amount of money that FEMA would spend after an actual flood.

Currently, a lot of properties are paying subsidized insurance rates. After April 1, 2015 the subsidized rates will be phased out and most property owners will be responsible to pay the full value of their insurance premiums. The increase will not happen at once. Premiums will transition from the current premium to the new premium over 5 years in 20% increments.

Owner occupied homes which have a valid insurance policy before April 1, 2015 may benefit from a grandfathering lower-cost flood insurance rating option. Those who don't have flood insurance will pay a higher rate and higher surcharges in order to acquire new insurance policies for their property.

More information can be obtained by contacting an insurance agent or by visiting the following websites:

FEMA.gov/BW12 or FloodSmart.gov

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We Apologize!

To the residents of Belvedere Heights/Sunset Homes, due to an error in the post office route delivery system, the November/December 2014 issue of the newsletter was not delivered. We hope that you will participate in our Yard of the Month contest. You can nominate your yard, your neighbor's yard, or a friend's yard. The winner will receive a \$50 gift card, and recognition on the CRA webpage, Facebook Page and newsletter. Just call Sharon at (561) 640-8181, ext. 106 to nominate a yard.

Thanks Thuy!

Thuy Shutt, our Assistant Director for the past eight years, has recently left the CRA to take a job with the Delray CRA. Thuy will be missed for her dedication, insight and knowledge. We wish her well.

Get Ready, Get Ready, Get Ready!

As we have already reported, the 8th Annual Rooney's 5K Race and Celebrate Westgate Festival will both take place on April 11th. The race starts on Congress and goes west on Cherry and Beech and proceeds north on Seminole to go around the Dennis P. Koehler Preserve and Cherokee, back to Seminole, Beech, Cherry and the Kennel Club. We ask that you make sure that your trash cans are removed from the curb. Please come out and cheer the runners and let's show the pride we take in our neighborhoods.
