



WESTGATE CRA GAZETTE

A NEWSLETTER FOR THE NEIGHBORHOODS LOCATED WITHIN THE CRA DISTRICT

WESTGATE GREENMARKET EXPRESS TO BEGIN NEW SEASON

The Westgate Greenmarket Express will begin this season on Saturday, November 8, 2014.

The cart will run from 9:00 a.m to 2:00 p.m. every Saturday Morning thru May.

We are fortunate to have our vegetables provided by Farming Systems Research (Green Cay Farms) and Solace International. The vegetables are grown locally, picked

on Friday, and sold on the cart on Saturday.

Unlike grocery store vegetables, these are fresh picked right from the farm.

This season we will also have a registered dietitian on board one Saturday a month. Brittannie Stanley Chester will create a newsletter containing recipes using the vegetables on the cart. She will also talk to you about healthy portions and explain how eating t



"I'm looking forward to seeing old customers as well as meeting new customers" Michael Rodriguez, Express Manager

healthy prevents diseases. SNAP Cards are accepted.



WESTGATE/BELVEDERE HOMES
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

November/December
2014

Special points of interest:

- Mobile Greenmarket begins November 8, 2014.
- Semimole and Osceola Bridge work.
- Tax Collector's Message
- Rooney's 5K Event
- Celebrate Westgate

SEMINOLE AND OSCEOLA BRIDGES TO BE REPLACED

The bridges crossing the Lake Worth Drainage District's LWDD L-2 Canal at Seminole Boulevard and Osceola Drive have reached their life expectancy. Palm Beach County Engineering Department has hired a contractor to replace both bridges. Construction will begin in November 2014 and will last three to four months ending in February 2015.

The Seminole Boulevard Bridge improvements will be done first. Osceola Boulevard Bridge will stay open until the new Seminole Boulevard vehicular crossing is completed and opened. The Osceola Bridge will be replaced with a pedestrian crossing. While the Osceola Bridge is under construction, all vehicular traffic to and from Belvedere homes will go through the new Seminole crossing and the Wabasso Drive crossing.

Both the School District and Fire Rescue are aware of the bridge replacement project and have stated that the project will not interfere with their operation.

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WESTGATE CRA YARD OF THE MONTH

YOU can help keep the CRA Beautiful!!!! How??? It's Simple!!!

During the months of January through August, **YOU** can nominate your yard, your neighbor's yard, or a friend's yard. In fact, any yard in the CRA will qualify. Many of us spend a lot of time in our yards to make them beautiful to enjoy with family and friends. Did you know it also inspires others to do their yard? A winner will be picked each month and will receive a "Yard of the Month" sign to display in their yard, a \$25.00 cash award, recognition on the CRA webpage, Facebook Page, and of course bragging rights. This contest is open to both homeowners and renters.

It's easy to do. Just call (561)640-8181, ext. 106, or email ssheppar@pbcgov.org with your name and phone number, the address of the nominated property, and the property owner's name and phone number (if not yourself).



For a complete set of rules, please call or email the number listed above or go to: www.westgatecra.org

MAKE YOUR YARD A STAND OUT AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!

HOLIDAY DECORATION CONTEST

Hang up the sparkling lights, get out the candy canes and reindeer, and take part in a new tradition. Decorate the outside of your home and yard (must be visible from the street). Judging will be December 19th through December 22nd.

Contest is open to both owners and renters. Nominate your own home, a friend's, or neighbor's by emailing your name and phone number, the address of the nominated property, and the property owner's name and phone number (if not yourself) to ssheppar@pbcgov.org or calling (561)640-8181, ext. 106, with the same information before December 18th.

Judging takes place from the street after dark after the nomination deadline. Prizes will be given for the following categories: **Holiday Elegance; Best Use of Lights; Best Use of Holiday Characters; Best Religious Display; Best Overall Home.**

There are many beautifully decorated homes in the CRA. We hope this activity adds to your enjoyment of the holiday season.



PROPERTY MATTERS With Anne M. Gannon, Constitutional Tax Collector, Palm Beach County

Save Money on Property Taxes

Here are options that could help you save on your property tax bill:

Pay early.

2014 Property taxes are payable November 1, 2014-March 31, 2015. You can take advantage of our early payment discounts.

- ◆ November: 4% discount
- ◆ December: 3% discount
- ◆ January : 2% discount
- ◆ February: 1% discount
- ◆ March: no discount

Pay in smaller installments instead of one lump sum.

The Installment Payment Plan divides your property taxes into four payments:

June, September, December, and March. If you use this plan, you receive a discount slightly under 4%. For more information and to sign up for the 2015 property tax season, visit pbctax.com. Applications must be received by 5 p.m. April 30, 2015.

Dispute your property tax valuation.

Taxpayers may file a petition with the Value Adjustment Board to challenge the Property Appraiser's assessment, classification, or exemption status. Once a petition is filed, the taxpayer must pay at least 75% of the Ad-Valorem taxes and 100% of the Non-Ad Valorem taxes before April 1.

To ePay 2014 property taxes, visit the Online Search & Payment Center at pbctax.com. Payments will be accepted online beginning November 1.

Property taxes fund everything from roads to schools and law enforcement to libraries.



FULL DAY OF FUN APRIL 11, 2015



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!! APRIL 11, 2015 will be a full day of fun for everyone.

THE 8TH ANNUAL ROONEY'S 5K RACE is planned for the morning of April 11, 2015 thru the streets of Belvedere Homes and Westgate. We are extremely happy that they chose our area for the race. This event will shine a positive light on our community. More information about how you can help will be forthcoming.

CELEBRATE WESTGATE is also planned on April 11, 2015 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Westgate Recreation Center. Each year our festival grows; last year over 1,000 persons attended the event. We look forward to another successful event on April 11th.

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WE'RE ON THE WEB

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The Westgate CRA Board meets on the 2nd Monday of each month at 5:00 pm at the CRA offices.

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Dennis P. Koehler Preserve Dedicated

The Preserve, located at the corner of Seminole and Chickamauga, was dedicated on May 14, 2014. Mr. Koehler was a former County and CRA Commissioner who advocated passionately for the environment.

