

TOWN OF HAVERHILL



Newsletter Summer 2011



NON AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT

The Town of Haverhill has adopted Resolution R2011-06 which levies a special assessment for all residential properties located within the Town of Haverhill. The assessment will be used to fund solid waste and recycling collection and disposal. All single family and multi family residential properties with less than five (5) units will be assessed **\$160.00 per unit**. All properties with more than four (4) units will need to make arrangements with a commercial waste hauler for curbside service or to have a commercial container placed on their property. Effective October 1, 2011, the Town of Haverhill will no longer provide curbside service to properties with more than four (4) units. The number of units per address are determined by the Solid Waste Authority. Collection of the Assessment will be through the Palm Beach County Tax Collector's office and the assessment will be included on your 2011 property tax bill. Failure to pay the assessment will result in a lien against your property until paid. The Town's Contractor, Southern Waste Systems, will continue to provide garbage collection service. Schedule for residential pick up of solid waste and recycling will remain the same.

Please feel free to contact the Town Hall at 561-689-0370 should you have any questions concerning this assessment or the number of units assessed for your property address.

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GARBAGE, TRASH, RECYCLING & BULK TRASH SCHEDULE

GARBAGE & CONTAINERIZED TRASH: TUESDAY & FRIDAY A.M.

RECYCLABLE MATERIALS: TUESDAY A.M.

BULK TRASH COLLECTION: TUESDAY A.M.

If you have any questions, please contact Joseph Roche at 561-689-0370, ext 23.



BE AWARE—BE SAFE

The Town Council urges all residents to be aware of their surroundings and to report any suspicious activity to The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office. Be sure to lock your vehicles and do not leave anything of value in plain sight. Most crimes are crimes of opportunity—don't be a victim. Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office non-emergency number is 561-688-3000. Report all emergencies to 911.

DRAINAGE SYSTEM MAINTENANCE



The Town of Haverhill is responsible for maintaining storm drains and catch basins that are located on the Town roads and town owned rights-of-way. These systems can easily lose their carrying capacity with debris accumulation, sedimentation buildup and/or vegetation growth becoming ineffective for flood prevention. Other, more extensive maintenance, is sometimes necessary to ensure flood preparedness. Please do your part to be sure that all storm drains are free from grass clippings and vegetation. Remember, in addition to assisting with flood protection, these storm drains empty into our canals, lakes and waterways. We need to protect those resources. Please call the Town Hall at 561-689-0370, ext. 23 if you have any questions or to report a problem.

HURRICANE PREPARATION IS A YEAR-ROUND JOB IN SOUTH FLORIDA !



STAY ALERT, STAY SAFE!

USE THE INFORMATION BELOW TO PUT TOGETHER YOUR HURRICANE SURVIVAL PLAN

- Purchase supplies for your Emergency Supply Kit
- Inspect your window protection for rust, missing bolts, and/or damage
- Inspect your walls, windows, garage door and roof for conditions that may allow wind damage
- Use the Surge Area Mapping System (SAMS) on pbcgov.com to see if you are in an evacuation area
- If you are in evacuation area, make an evacuation plan for you and your family
- Check your utility bills to see who provides your water, gas, and electric (Keep this information written down and handy)
- Contact your city to determine who picks up your trash and yard debris (Town of Haverhill uses Southern Waste Systems who can be reached at 561-582-6688)
- Complete the assembly of your Emergency Supply Kit. Purchase non-perishable foods and medicines that last.
- Check with your doctor and/or pharmacy to determine how best to assure your prescriptions will last through a storm.
- If you need to register for the Special Needs Shelter, contact the Special Needs Coordinator at 561-712-6400
- If you live in an evacuation zone, mobile/manufactured home, are physically handicapped, or have no other means of transportation, you can pre-register for transportation assistance with Palm Tran Connection 561-649-9838
- Assess your landscaping to determine if trees need to be trimmed or ornaments removed before a storm. Remember, once a storm is named, all pick up of vegetation will cease.
- Establish a contact number with your employer if you may need to report to work immediately following a storm.
- Make arrangements in advance for your pets: either contact Animal Care and Control about pet sheltering, or ask your vet.
- Review you family plan with your family and establish who will be your out-of-town contact.
- Double-check what shelters are located near your home; do not wait until you need to go to the shelter.

Should you need any additional information or assistance regarding hurricane preparedness, please feel free to contact us here at Town Hall 561-689-0370

WELCOME JESSICA SHEPHERD!

The Town of Haverhill has a new Deputy Town Clerk. Jessica Shepherd joined the Town Hall Team of Janice Rutan, Joseph Roche and Rodrick Jones on May 2, 2011. Jessica had served as Deputy Town Clerk for the Town of Lake Park and received her Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC) designation in 2010. Jessica brings with her several years of municipal government experience and a vast knowledge of her profession. In addition to her responsibilities as Deputy Town Clerk, Jessica oversees the front office and is available to help you with any questions you may have. Please join us in welcoming Jessica to the Town of Haverhill Town Hall Staff.

PERMITS AND OTHER THINGS.....

The Town of Haverhill requires permits for the following:

- Building Improvements, including driveways
- Tree Removal, Land Clearing and fill
- Garage Sales
- Overnight parking of boat or recreational vehicle in front yard

All business and home occupations require a Town issued Business Tax Receipt.

Town of Haverhill Code of Ordinances can be found at www.municode.com or at www.townofhaverhill-fl.gov

MOSQUITO



ALERT!

It is summer and although the rains have just begun, it has been wet enough for mosquitoes! Specifically those that breed in man-made containers like tires, buckets and pots. So here is what you should know about these nasty little buggers!

Tigers and Ankle Biters

Palm Beach County has the distinction of being the transition zone between two mosquitoes that live in and around our homes: the native "Ankle Biter" *Aedes aegypti*, known for its weak flight (thus known for biting ankles) and the non-native and more infamous "Asian Tiger" *Aedes albopictus*. The Asian Tiger is named for its place of origin— Japan— and its bright stripes. In an etymological civil war of preferred breeding locations (tree holes for the Tigers and buckets and bird baths for the Ankle Biters), these two species have staked out their territories in Palm Beach County. The North is held by the Asian Tigers and the South is held by the Ankle Biters.



Tropical Diseases Are Here

But the real story is the health risk presented by our native mosquitoes. The Ankle Biters can transmit Dengue Fever, which for the first time in decades is now present in Key West. Typically in tropical island habitats, residents are plagued with high levels of nuisance mosquitoes, much more than what we experience in Palm Beach County. These types of mosquitoes are relentless, so intense pest management practices are used to keep populations in check. This can lead to mosquitoes becoming resistant to certain pesticides and is now being considered a factor in why island habitats are so favorable to Dengue outbreaks.

Don't Breed Mosquitoes

Palm Beach County does not regularly pressure populations of mosquitoes with heavy doses of pesticides. It is hoped this practice will not give rise to resistant mosquitoes. That does not mean we will be free of Dengue Fever. Ankle Biters are typically active during the day, which means traditional control techniques for night flying mosquitoes would be ineffective. Controlling them begins with removing their breeding grounds. Homeowners can help by keeping their yards clear of anything that might hold water, as even something as small as a thimble of water is enough to produce mosquitoes!



The Town of Haverhill works closely with Palm Beach County in scheduling Town wide spraying. Please call Joseph Roche at 561-689-0370, ext. 23 with any questions concerning mosquito control.

SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT IMPOSES PHASE II WATER RESTRICTIONS

2-Day-A-Week Watering

- Residents and businesses with an **odd-numbered** street address may water lawns and landscapes on **Wednesdays and/or Saturdays, only before 10 a.m. OR after 4 p.m.**
- Residents and businesses with an **even-numbered** street address, **no street address** or those that **irrigate both even and odd addresses** within the same zones, which may include multi-family units and homeowners associations, may water lawns and landscapes on **Thursdays and/or Sundays, only before 10 a.m. OR after 4 p.m.**



New Landscaping for 2-Day-A-Week and 3-Day-A-Week Watering:

- On the day new landscaping is installed, new plantings and the soil may be irrigated once without regard to the normally allowable watering days and times. Soil irrigation is also allowed immediately prior to planting.
- New plantings that have been in place for **30 days or less** may be watered on **Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays before 10 a.m. and/or after 4 p.m.**
- New plantings that have been in place **from 31 to 90 days** may be watered on **Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and/or Saturdays, only before 10 a.m. and/or after 4 p.m.**
- Irrigation is limited to the areas containing new landscaping only. An entire irrigation zone may be watered only if new landscaping is planted on at least 50 percent of that zone. If new landscaping is planted on less than 50 percent of an irrigation zone, only the new plantings may be watered.



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The Town Hall will be closed Monday , September 5, 2011
in observance of the Labor Day Holiday. The Town of
Haverhill wishes everyone a safe and happy Labor Day!



TOWN COUNCIL

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THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETS THE SECOND AND FOURTH THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 7:00 P.M.

A TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP IS HELD THE FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT NOON

ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND PARTICIPATION IS ENCOURAGED!