



The Northwest Wire

Serving residents and lot owners West of El Dorado Blvd
and North of Pine Island Road

The President's Perch -

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Working Together Is Achieving Together!

The NWNA will host a **'Candidate Forum'** on August 31st from 7pm to 9pm in the Mariner High School Auditorium. In preparation for this event, we need you to begin remitting your candidate questions to nwna@nwcape.com.

On June 8th, I attended the first **'Safe Senior Workshop'** sponsored by the Cape's Police Department. This event was well run with professionals from a variety of community agencies on Victims Assistance, Elder Abuse, Crime Prevention & Personal Safety, financial exploitation and more. What resonated for me was the broad range of support available in our community. No resident whether a loved one, neighbor, or friend should have to suffer in silence when there are so many organizations able to help in the time of need.

Recently, the NWNA was invited to participate in **Chief Murphy's Advisory Committee** that held its first collaborative session on June 22nd. Neighborhood/Homeowner Association presidents from the northeast, southeast and southwest participated in addition to community agencies and businesses. As your representative, I encourage you to share your concerns with me so that I can represent your interests.

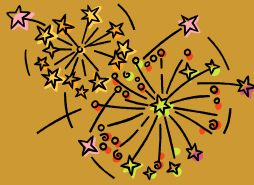
Plan to attend our July 21st Association Meeting as we will be addressing several issues affecting us. These involve the following:

1. The demise of the Dept. of Community Affairs in Tallahassee will have an impact on local development. The concern is how much and in what way. Rich O'Donnell, who will provide you some insight, is already assessing this concern with the Development Review Committee.
2. With the change in flood zones, the Cape is now in three high risk categories—Zones A, B, and C. The availability of shelters is disconcerting as most are now in flood zones. A Category 2 hurricane would now require an evacuation to Kismet Pkwy. Although Burnt Store Road is an evacuation route, it is now closed between US 41 and Acline Rd. for six months, maybe more, due to the bridge reconstruction over Alligator Creek.
3. Of critical importance to the NWNA is how we will fill our vice president position in 2012. Usually a vice president would move into the president's position as I did in 2010. However, for the last two years, this has not materialized. Now that our current vice president resigned for personal reasons, we find ourselves in another recruiting situation. What we collectively need to do is discuss our options with you.



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- *July 4, 2011—Happy Independence Day!*


- *July 14, 2011—Board Meeting. 7:00 pm.*
- *July 18, 2011—Environment Committee Field Trip, Judy Harvey, Chairperson*
- *July 19, 2011—Neighborhood Watch Quarterly Meeting, 7pm, Police Department, open to the public.*
- *July 21, 2011—NWA Association Meeting, Mariner High School Cafeteria, 6:30 pm social; 7 pm meeting*
- *August 2, 2011—National Night Out, Joe Stonis Park, 6 pm to 9 pm*
- *August 31, 2011—Candidate Forum, Mariner High School Auditorium, 7 pm to 9 pm. Organizers: Alex McAllister, Rick Williams, Rich*

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

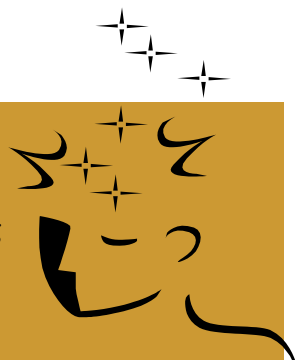


Neighborhood Watchdog Alert:

In early June, three teenagers, two girls and a boy, were found at the lanai of an unoccupied home at 3315 SW 7th Lane. This is one of the homes in the area that has recently been burglarized. This particular house was also trashed.

The police responded, but the outcome is unknown at this time. Teenagers are finding these unoccupied or abandoned homes to be tempting places, whether their intentions are innocent or criminal. Please warn your neighbors, particularly neighborhood kids, to avoid being at abandoned or unoccupied houses. By trespassing, they are likely to become suspects of criminal activities.

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- This year we are going to experience four unusual dates: 1/1/11, 1/11/11, 11/1/11, and 11/11/11.
 - This year, July has five Fridays, five Saturdays and five Sundays. This happens once ever 823 years.
 - If you take the last two digits of the year in which you were born and add the age you will be this year, or already are, the result will be 111 for everyone in the whole world.

Cape Coral Citizens Police Academy

If you'd like the opportunity to drive a police car at high speeds, fire a police semi-automatic hand gun, get bit by a K9 German Shepherd, fire a Taser, get Tased, and ride along with an officer as he or she patrols Cape Coral's streets in the dead of night, you'll love the Cape Coral Citizens Police Academy. Although each of these activities is optional, I would highly recommend them all, well maybe not getting Tased.



Two Academy classes are held each year, one in the spring and another in the fall. Classes are held from 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM on Wednesday night in the new police building on Cultural Park Blvd. There is no charge for these classes. Eight classes cover a broad range of topics such as criminal investigations, weapons, SWAT Team, K9 Unit, Marine Unit, Volunteer Unit, Forensics, and more, including tours of the new Police Department facility. You'll have an opportunity to spend one Saturday at the driving range (cars not golf) and another Saturday at the gun range. You can compete for fastest driver through an obstacle course and for Top Gun at the gun range. You can also sign up for an individual ride-along with a police officer during a day or night shift.

My wife Bev and I completed the Cape Coral Citizens Police Academy on June 1, 2011. We had a blast. We enjoyed every class and all the activities, and we came away with a much better appreciation of our Cape Coral Police Department capabilities and operations. If you've attended the City Manager's Cape Coral Citizens Academy the Police Academy will give you a much more in depth view of police operations. I highly recommend both academies, and these academies are free to Cape Coral Citizens – one of the best deals in town.



Russ Moody
NANA Member

Russ and Bev Moody take aim.



The Eagle's Nest

Environmental Topic:

Florida-friendly Plant Database

How many times have you planted a flower, shrub or even a palm that you found yourself replanting over time?

Trial and error in finding the right plant for your landscape can be time-consuming and costly as well as frustrating.

Selecting just the right groundcover, grass or plants may be a little easier by accessing the plant database at www.floridayards.org/fyplants/index.php.

Source: Florida-Friendly Landscaping 'The Smart Way to Grow'



***Don't forget to follow Cape Coral's
Watering Schedule!***



Access time restrictions at:

www.capecoral.net/Government/PublicWorks/CapeCoralWateringSchedule/tabid/457/Default.aspx.

Hoo's Who in the 'Hood

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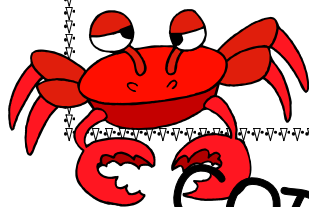
Shrimp Linguine

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- 3 large cloves garlic, crushed
- 1½ tbsp. olive oil
- 2 cups plum tomatoes, diced
- 1/3 cup scallions, chopped
- 1 lb. extra large or jumbo shrimp, cleaned
- 1 pint light cream
- 1 lb. linguine, cooked al dente
- ½ cup grated parmesan cheese
- 1 tbsp. fresh parsley, chopped

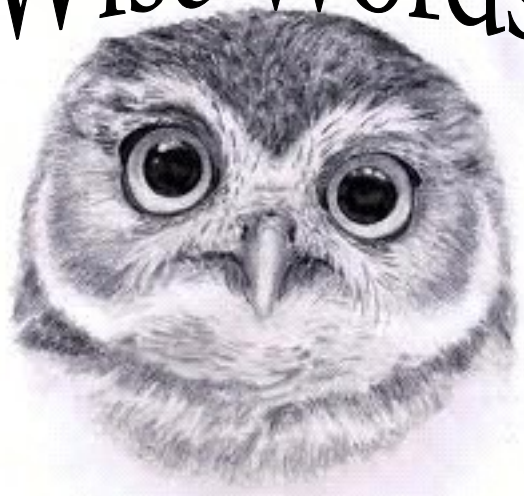
Directions

Sauté garlic in oil. While pasta is cooking, add tomatoes and scallions to oil/garlic. Sauté about 2 minutes. Add shrimp and cook about 2 minutes on that side. Turn shrimp; add cream. Cook until hot. Add cheese and parsley. Top drained pasta with shrimp mixture. Serve immediately.



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Wise Words



Complain less, Give more! ...anonymous