



The Northwest Wire

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

The President's Perch -

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Issue #2

Recently someone asked me why I became involved with the NWNCA. The answer was easy. I wanted to meet new people and make new friends. I also realized that the quality of life in a community doesn't just happen. I was impressed that the NWNCA had a professional reputation with the City that can be attributed to the ongoing efforts of its officers, board of directors and, most important, the support of the members.

While everyone participates by being a member, the officers and board of directors cannot do it alone. That is why we are revitalizing our committees so members can decide what needs to be done or improved and collaborate in an enjoyable way to accomplish their objective. After all, if it is not fun, why would we do it? Recently, our Environment Committee had their first collaborative session. Their enthusiasm is contagious.

Speaking of the 'environment,' make plans to attend our upcoming association meeting on May 19th in the Mariner High School Cafeteria (6:30 pm social; 7 pm meeting). Thomas Becker, Lee County Extension Educator, will be presenting Florida-friendly Landscaping in the Cape.

What's a little time between members? As committee meeting dates are announced, consider visiting a session to learn more.

Working Together Is Achieving Together!

Analyzing Your Community for Success

On April 29, 2011, I attended the 1-day *Analyzing Your Community for Success* workshop which was held at the Hilton Garden Inn Fort Myers. The workshop covered several techniques for assessing a community's health. These techniques help identify conditions that could lead to increased crime and an overall decline in the community, as well as signs of a healthy community and opportunities for improving quality of life. The attendees, numbering

about 25, included government and private sector representatives from Charlotte, Lee, and Collier County as well as law enforcement, social workers, and community planners. There was also a representative from the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council (www.swfrpc.org).

The workshop was part of the *Strategies for Safe and Sustainable Communities* project funded by Florida Attorney General's Anti Crime Initiative. This project is fostering a collaborative approach for reducing crime and improving the quality of life in neighborhoods. This

collaborative approach engages concerned residents, businesses, educational and religious leaders, local government and nonprofit organizations, neighborhood watch groups, and other stakeholders.

The workshop leaders discussed the characteristics to look for and showed pictures of healthy and blighted communities. What caught my eye was that several of the blighted community pictures could have been taken in the North Cape area, and some of the characteristics of a healthy community were absent from this area.

I believe there is an opportunity for the NWNCA to leverage the knowledge and resources of the *Strategies for Safe and Sustainable Communities* project as we move forward with our northwest neighborhood planning.

Written and Submitted by:

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NWNCA Member & Cape Coral
Citizens Academy 'Class of
2009'

Together We're
Better!



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- *May 12, 2011—Board Mtg. 7:00 pm.*
- *May 17, 2011—Development Review Committee Mtg., Rich O'Donnell residence, 7:00 pm*
- *May 19, 2011 — NWNA Association Meeting, Mariner High School Cafeteria, 6:30 pm social; 7 pm mtg. , Speaker—Thomas Becker (Univ. of FL) on Florida Friendly Landscaping in the Cape. Speaker arranged by Judy Harvey, Environment Committee Chairperson.*
- *May 21, 2011—Neighborhood Watch Block Capt. Mtg. 10 am to 12 pm, NW Regional Library Mtg. Room. This is a planned meeting for the August 2nd 'Nat'l Night Out' events at Joe Stonis and Jaycee Parks.*
- *June 6, 2011—Environment Committee Mtg., 6:30 pm, contact Judy Harvey, Chairperson for details.*
- *July 14, 2011—Board Mtg. 7:00 pm.*
- *July 21, 2011—NWNA Association Meeting, Mariner High School Cafeteria, 6:30 pm social; 7 pm meeting*

Gator-Aid



Some of us have used Vicks Vapo Rub for years for everything from chapped lips to sore toes and many body parts in between. This tip works 100% of the time, although the scientists who discovered it aren't sure why.

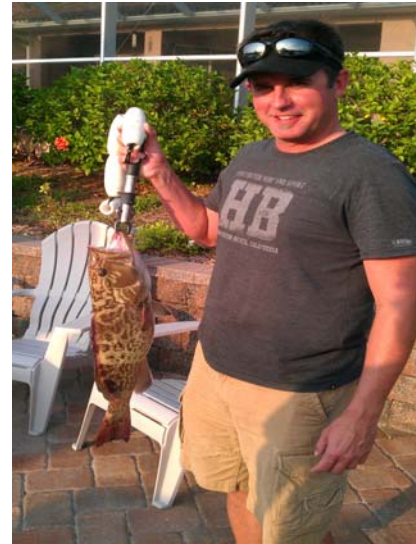
To stop night time coughing, put Vicks Vapo Rub generously on the soles of your feet, cover with socks, and the heavy, deep coughing will stop in about 5 minutes. It is extremely soothing and comforting and is more effective than strong prescription cough medicines.

If you have grandchildren, pass this on. If you end up sick, try it yourself and you will be amazed at how it works. The only thing you can lose is your cough.

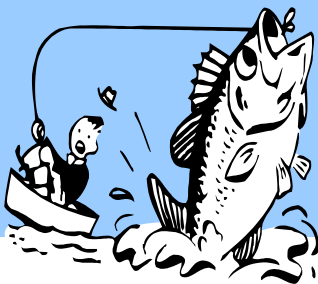
Have any Gator-Aids tips or items you'd like to see included in future issues? Please email us at:
nwna@nwcape.com
All ideas are gladly accepted.

Fish Tales —

The calm waters at Boca Grande Pass provided the Wenz party to a great day of fishing on May 4th. Fishing with live squirrels, grunts and pins, they manage to hook up a number of Red and Gag Grouper, several shark and a couple of Tarpon. Rick Flynt from Dallas pulled in this nice 25 inch, 8 pound Gag. In addition to the large variety of fish, guests were treated to passing turtles, jumping Eagle Rays and a curious dolphin.



Email those fishing reports, tips and photos for the next issue to secretary@nwcape.com.



Rays of Sunshine

NWN
Membership Committee

Please help the NWN's Membership Committee send a *Ray of Sunshine* to our Northwest Neighbors who have an extended hospital stay or lengthy illness at home. Kindly contact us at nwna@nwcape.com with a brief note providing our neighbor's name, home address and hospital room number (if known). Thank you.

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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

NWNA Neighborhood Watchdog
John Karcher
 submitted the following:



Neighborhood Watchdog Concern:

Kids are putting Drano, tin foil, and a little water in soda bottles and capping it up - leaving it on lawns. When you go to pick up the trash, and the bottle is shaken just a little - in about 30 seconds or less it builds up a gas and explodes with enough force to remove some of your extremities. The liquid that comes out is boiling hot as well.

Don't pick up any plastic bottles that may be lying in your yards or in the gutter, etc. Pay attention to this. A plastic bottle with a cap. A little Drano. A little water. A small piece of foil. Disturb it by moving it; and BOOM!! No fingers left and other serious effects to your face, eyes, etc.

People are finding these "bombs" in mailboxes and in their yards, just waiting for you to pick it up intending to put it in the trash. But, you'll never make it!!! It takes about 30 seconds to blow after you move the thing.

See "SNOPES" link below -- it's true -- the video at SNOPES shows the Indiana State Police Bomb Squad detonating one.

<http://www.snopes.com/crime/warnings/bottlebomb.asp>



Officer Criazzo's Response:

It is a chemical reaction between the Drano and tin foil. Muriatic acid is often substituted for the Drano. We have had no known cases of this occurring in our City. If we do get a case like this, it is treated as a hazardous/explosive material incident. As always, please encourage your membership to trust their feelings on these situations. If something seems unusual or suspicious, treat it as such and call it in to Police or the Fire Department. This is definitely a "better safe than sorry" situation.



*Send in your Concerns
 to nwna@nwcape.com*

COOKING CAPERS



Neighbor to Neighbor Recipe Cooklet

We are creating our own NANA Cooklet and are looking for your world renown recipes, as well as, some of your plain old favorites!

If you would like your recipe to be included, please email a copy to Barb Wenz at secretary@nwcape.com

Please Note:

Recipe and contributor's name only will be published. If you wish to add a home phone number or email address, kindly note that in your email.

You may submit as many recipes as you are graciously willing to share.

Please submit all recipes by May 31st. Thank you.

Burrow Bits

For Sale:

- Custom Bill Whitson 9' 20-40 lb. Snapper Rod w/Fin-Nor 7500 Offshore reel spooled w/40 lb Power Pro. Both rod & reel in great condition. Was \$500 new, asking \$225.
- Custom 6' Key Largo 30-50 lb. Tarpon Rod w/Shimano Torium 30 reel spooled w/40 lb Power Pro. Both rod & reel in great condition. Was \$400 new, asking \$175.
- 2003 Gheenoe Classic—15'6" w/Mercury 25 hp 2 stroke, short shaft, all-in-one tiller w/electric and pull start, mounted on a Mini Jacker jack plate. Boat comes with a trolling Stick It Pin bracket, 2 deluxe cushioned seats, 2 fuel tanks, 2 PVC push poles, boat hook and a paddle. Boat is on a 2002 Rocket trailer. \$2700.
- **Contact:** Rich Jacobia — 239-292-1084


Have an announcement, garage sale or something to sell?

*Email your **Burrow Bits** to Barb Wenz at secretary@nwcape.com. Be sure to include **Burrow Bits** in the subject area.*

Please note:

- *All bits will be posted in the next issue in the order received.*
- *You must be a current member of NANA and all postings must pertain to you or an immediate family member.*
- *All bits will be in text form only (no graphics or business cards).*

Hoo's Who in the 'Hood

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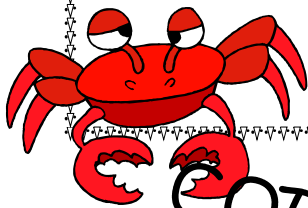
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- 1 (8-oz) pkg. of cream cheese
- 2 tbsp. minced green onion
- 1 tbsp. Horseradish
- 1 cup crabmeat
- 1 tbsp. Milk

Directions

Preheat oven to 350°. Mix all ingredients together and place in one-quart oiled soufflé dish. Bake 30 minutes. Serve hot with bland crackers.



CORNER

Wise Words



"You can't try to do things; you simply must do them." ...Ray Bradbury