



Riverside Park Membership Memo

OCTOBER 2005

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October 2nd RPRA General Meeting Features Two Presentations: Light Rail and NatureScape



Existing conditions 2002



Proposed improvements

The Riverside Park Residents' Association October meeting will be held October 2nd at 4pm at the Charles and Irene Radford Community Center at the park.

The meeting promises a full agenda, with two presentations. Learn what FDOT's planners are thinking about a **light rail corridor along Broward Boulevard** and give them your opinion. Light Rail is a term for small, efficient passenger trains that are integrated into urban environments. In the second presentation you'll learn how to **NatureScape your yard**.

This graphic is an illustration of the potential product of a visioning process. (The street is Biscayne Boulevard in downtown Miami).

SEWER UPDATE:

The board was given a sewer update at its August meeting. The sewer project in our neighborhood has been divided into 3 areas, north, south, and east of Stranahan High School. The design for each of these basins is more than 90% complete. Tentative lateral hookup locations have been identified for almost all addresses. There will be an additional opportunity to change lateral locations, but, once construction is underway it is too late. The city is now planning to start the basin north of Stranahan High School first, followed by the basin east of Stranahan, then south of Stranahan. There may be some overlap between the basins. The first basin is currently planned to begin construction in early 2006. A street-by-street tree survey will be completed before each construction phase, and some trimming may be required. Further, to maintain access for emergency vehicles during construction, there will be a need to at least temporarily relocate certain obstructions in the existing rights of way (including the swale areas). There may be times when it will be necessary to temporarily open some of the existing street closures to accommodate access during construction. If that is determined necessary, the closures will be restored and refreshed as soon as possible after the temporary arrangements are no longer necessary. The city will distribute brochures with additional details and be available for presentations to the Residents' Association before construction starts. They will conduct additional follow-up meetings to further coordinate traffic issues and obtain neighborhood feedback, both before and during construction. They are scheduled to speak at our November meeting.

Florida Department of Transportation

What is your vision for the Broward Boulevard Corridor? Is transit part of that vision? The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and the City of Fort Lauderdale would like to tell you about the Broward Boulevard Corridor Study. This study is part of a larger study to determine the most feasible transit investment to service east/west travel in Central Broward County. FDOT wants to discuss the potential for light rail transit along the corridor including land use and redevelopment initiatives. They want input from our community. Should stations be located north or south of Broward? Should zoning be changed to allow more density near stations? Should stations stand alone or be integrated into a commercial/residential development?

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At the Charles and Irene Radford Community Center
 555 SW 11th Avenue



NatureScape

Diana Guidry is NatureScape Broward Outreach Coordinator with the Water Resources Division, Broward County Environmental Protection Department. NatureScape Broward is a Broward County program that encourages the use of native plants and water conservation techniques when landscaping. Many people may be familiar with the term Xeriscape, which is landscaping with drought resistant plants. NatureScape landscaping is very similar to Xeriscape landscaping, but it takes the

concept one step further by utilizing drought resistant plants that are native to the area. The use of native drought resistant plants is paramount to water conservation because the plants do not have special needs such as irrigation, soil, fertilizer, pesticides, weeding, or location to grow and thrive in the South Florida climate. To learn more about NatureScape landscaping, please visit www.broward.org/naturescape or call Broward County's Water Resources Division at (954) 519-0317.

Additional general information is available on the website www.waterworks2011.com; Questions may be directed to the WaterWorks 2011 Call Center at 954-522-2604.



Annual election of RPRRA officers and directors will be held during the General Membership Meeting on **Sunday, November 6th, 2005, 4:00 pm**. The Nominating committee is currently putting together a list of candidates. If you have an interest in becoming an officer, contact Judy Reardon, 954-462-1653, Nominating Committee chairwoman. In addition, any regular member of RPRRA can be nominated from the floor on November 6th.

Elections Next Month - Riverside Park Nominating Committee Looking for Candidates

On September 15th the bike patrol returned to the streets of Riverside Park. Thanks to Peter Bañic for supplying patrol shirts. If you would like to participate with the bike patrol contact Miranda Blogg at 954-467-5420. Participants should have a bicycle with lights, helmet, and light colored clothing.

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Yoga

Experience relaxing beginner-level techniques that improve mental health and flexibility.
Tuesday 6:15 - 7:45 pm
Resident \$8.00 Nonresidents \$9.00

Stretch-N-Tone

Beginning September 14, 2005
An afternoon delight. Come and experience a non-aggressive stretching format designed to improve your overall flexibility and muscle tone. Once learned, these techniques can be applied to your active or leisure lifestyles.
Wednesday: 10:30 am - 12:00 noon
Residents \$8.00 Nonresidents \$9.00

Ballroom Dance Class

This step-by-step program is for novice or skilled dancers. Each month it features a new dance as it mixes a little old with the modern. So bring your two left feet, a friend and a smile.
Thursday: 6:30 - 8:00 pm
Residents \$6.00 Nonresidents \$7.00

South Florida Superstars

Beginning September 7, 2005
A beginner level high-energy program for children age 5-12, is designed to improve hand-to-eye coordination, balance and promote teamwork through dance, baton twirling and cheer-leading.
Wednesday: 6:30 - 7:30 pm (One-time registration fee \$20.00, monthly program fee \$40.00)

Kid Cardio Camp Plus

Beginning August 29, 2005
For the beginner or the little Schwarzenegger ages 7-12, this fun, challenging and high-energy camp is developed to meet the health, fitness and weight challenges of today's youth. Participants will be exposed to an exercise, nutrition and health collage that will benefit them through the stages of life. The program offers a free homework assistant and tennis program.
Monday - Thursday: 3:30 - 5:30 pm
Cost: \$70.00 Y.E.S participants \$18.00

Midday Card and Board Games

Beginning September 20, 2005
If cards are your thing, and board games make you swing then this activity will challenge the experienced and educate the novice. So come and play and make a new friend.
Tuesday and Thursday: 10:30 - 12:00 noon
Cost: \$3.00

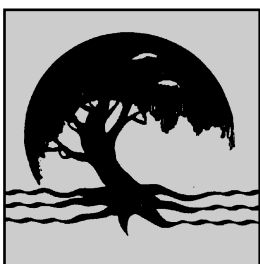
Total Body and Core Conditioning

Beginning September 12, 2005
TB-Core, or Total Body and Core conditioning says it all. This is a safe, fun, high-energy power and aerobic program designed to improve your overall conditioning, flexibility, and strength. And of course, it will make you sweat. By using biomechanical resistance exercises that target the upper, lower abdominal-core, and body musculature.
Monday: 6:30-7:30 pm
Cost: \$6:00

**at the Charles and Irene
Radford Community Center**

ABOUT THE RPRRA MEMBERSHIP MEMO

The Riverside Park Neighborhood News is a publication of Riverside Park Residents' Association, Inc. (RPRRA). It reports on neighborhood events, including the activities of the RPRRA and the neighborhood's charitable corporation, Riverside Renaissance, Inc.



recreation

Charles and Irene Radford Community Center (Riverside Park)

If fun, fitness, and leisure are part of your recreation plans for fall 2005, you don't have to travel far. The City of Fort Lauderdale Parks and Recreation Department is offering great opportunities to get you, your family and your best friend a chance to meet neighbors, burn calories, reduce stress and kick up your heels at the Charles and Irene Radford Community Center in Riverside Park. The park is located at **555 SW 11th Avenue in Fort Lauderdale.**

The Riverside fall and winter line-up, offered through December, is designed to keep your mind and body fit at an affordable price. So come and experience "More Out of Life." For more information call **(954) 468-1553.** **See Class Schedule Inside.**