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Fireworks & Pets

While fireworks can be fun for people, they can be frightening and dangerous for animals. Some of our 4-legged friends require medication, while others may startle and run away, or injure themselves. We ask our residents to please be good neighbors when considering fireworks as part of your celebration. If you do, then please clean-up debris as fireworks contain chemicals and metals which are harmful to animals. Thank you!

VITA Tax Prep

If you earned less than \$55,000 in 2018, you may qualify for free tax preparation by an IRS certified volunteer. They can also determine your eligibility for special tax credits. VITA is the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance federal program that was created 40+ years ago. Last year, VITA helped 6,000 Broward residents with their tax returns. You may call 954-537-0211 or visit www.VITAFreeTaxes.org for more information.

Burglary Prevention

Did you know that most burglaries occur during daylight hours? Burglars may wear clothing so they appear to be repair or delivery personnel. They may knock on a front door, then proceed to the rear of a home to break in.

Look out for your neighbors. Advise them when you are expecting a delivery or repair crew. Lock your windows and doors. Close your garage door. Install an alarm and surveillance system.

Don't become a statistic. Cash, purses, wallets, jewelry, and cell phones left in plain view, are favorite targets of burglars. Secure valuables prior to reaching your destination, or take them with you upon arrival. Lock your car and park in a highly visible area. Do not leave your keys inside your vehicle. Report suspicious or unfamiliar persons.

**SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING
 DIAL 911 FOR EMERGENCIES!**

Gotta 9PM Routine?

So what IS a "9 PM Routine"? This slogan was first introduced by the Pasco Sheriff's Office in response to the frequency of easily preventable burglaries. Law enforcement agencies throughout the country have adopted the **#9PMRoutine** as a reminder to promote crime prevention habits.

The idea is simple ... you routinely set an alarm on your smart phone, watch or other device to remind you to:

- Remove valuables from your vehicle.
- Ensure that vehicle doors and trunks are locked.
- Lock gates to your property and doors to your home.
- Turn on exterior lights.

#9PMROUTINE

Follow for Social Media Reminders!

COOPER CITY EVENTS CALENDAR

MARCH

02 Mayor's Chess Challenge
 09 Mayor's Chess Challenge
 09 Household Hazardous Waste
 09 FOUNDER'S DAY!!
 12 Help with Homestead Exemption
 13 Register: Teen Twilight Egg Hunt
 16 Mayor's Chess Challenge
 19 Florida Licensing on Wheels
 23 Mayor's Chess Challenge
 30 Mayor's Chess Challenge
 30 Community Garage Sale

APRIL

06 Mayor's Chess Challenge
 09 Help with Homestead Exemption
 10 Get Tickets: Mother Daughter Tea
 13 Dog Adopt-A-Thon
 13 Mayor's Chess Challenge
 13 Household Hazardous Waste
 18 Teen Twilight Egg Hunt
 20 EGG-Stravaganza at the Park
 20 Mayor's Chess Challenge
 27 Mayor's Chess Challenge
 27 Relay for Life Fundraiser

MAY

04 Mayor's Chess Challenge
 11 Mother Daughter Tea
 11 Mayor's Chess Challenge
 14 Help with Homestead Exemption
 15 Tickets: Father Son Adventure
 18 Mayor's Chess Challenge
 21 Florida Licensing on Wheels
 25 Mayor's Chess Challenge
 27 City Hall CLOSED

REGULAR BULK PICK-UP SCHEDULE:

MAR 18-23 / APR 15-20/ MAY 20-25 is **Vegetation ONLY**

Sign-Up for E-Billing

The Cooper City Utility Department is now offering E-Billing. Residents may sign-up to receive their monthly bill via email. Call 954-434-4300, Option 1 or send your email address to UtilityBilling@CooperCityFL.org. 

Scholarship Opportunity

The City of Cooper City, in partnership with Waste Management, is offering an academic scholarship program for graduating seniors who plan to attend a 2 or 4 year college or technical school. We encourage all high school seniors who reside in Cooper City to apply. The application deadline is **Wed., April 10th at 12:00 Noon**. Eligibility, award criteria and applications are available at www.coopercityfl.org. For more information, contact Tina Hudson at 954.434.4300 #260 / tinah@coopercityfl.org. 

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May Vegetation Pick-Up

In preparation for the 2019 Hurricane Season, bulk waste collection for the months of MAY and JULY will be dedicated to VEGETATION collection ONLY. We encourage Cooper City residents to take advantage of this opportunity to trim and discard yard vegetation that may become a hazard during Hurricane Season.

Vegetative waste includes shrub and tree trimmings, palm fronds, and tree branches. Vegetative waste must be generated by the resident. Commercial landscapers must dispose of waste at an authorized dump site. Each item must weigh less than 40 pounds, not exceed 6 feet in length and 12 inches in diameter. Each residence is limited to 6 cubic yards per pick-up. Residents who have vegetative waste exceeding these limits may schedule a special collection of excess, for a fee, with Waste Management. Materials should be stacked neatly curbside.

2019 Vegetation bulk-waste collection dates are May 20th - 25th and July 15th - 20th. Your collection day will remain the same during this special pick-up. If we all do our part to prepare for hurricane season, we can reduce potential storm debris issues. For more information, please call 954-434-4300, option 1. 🌿

Our Summer Camp Kids



Summer is just around the corner and Camp registration begins April 1st at the Community Center and Pool & Tennis Center. Camp Programs are available to residents entering grades 1 to 8. The price for grades 1 to 4 is \$120 per week and grades 5 to 8 is \$130. We offer a \$10 sibling discount for any additional children enrolled. New residents must provide proof of residency, birth certificate, and latest report card to register.

Campers participate in a variety of daily activities including swimming, sports, field trips, pizza pool parties and so much more! Proof of residency required for all camp registrations. For additional information, please call 954-434-4300 Ext #272. 🌿

Remembering 17 Eagles



On Thursday, February 14, 2019, Mayor Greg Ross placed a wreath in Memorial Park in remembrance of the 17 who were lost one year ago. 17 brick pavers have been placed here; engraved with the names of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas victims. City employees and BSO personnel gathered to share a moment of silence -- we will never forget -- 17 Eagles MSD Strong. 🌿

Water Safe Spring Break

We encourage you to prepare your children for water safety! The Recreation Department offers swim lessons for all ages at the Pool & Tennis Center. For more information, please call 954-436-7300.

WATER SAFETY TIPS FOR YOUR FAMILY:

- If a child is missing, check the water first.
- Enroll your child in swim lessons.
- Be aware of potential dangers when visiting other homes, or when traveling.
- Learn how to perform rescue breathing and CPR.
- Keep a phone and rescue equipment poolside.
- Pools and spas should always be closed and equipped with barriers and an alarm.
- Provide constant close and competent adult supervision of children, at all times in, or near water.

Got Budget Questions?

Local government budgets can be complex documents, but there is no reason why they should be a mystery to our residents. We are here for you and happy to answer your questions and explain Cooper City's budget. We invite residents to come in and discuss the 2019 Budget and the Financial Plan that was presented to the City Commission in the January 29th Special Meeting.

City staff will make themselves available to meet at YOUR convenience. Bring us your questions, comments and concerns!

Please call 954-434-4300 #242, or send an email to ranathan@coopercityfl.org or melianor@coopercityfl.org. We look forward to hearing from you! 

NEW Cooper Academy!

Cooper City has launched a citizen's academy for our residents. The **Cooper Academy Local Government Program** is an opportunity for residents to learn about the behind-the-scenes operations of the City, as well as the roles of city staff. The program is comprised of eight (8) sessions, to be held once a week on Monday evenings beginning in March, with a maximum class size of twenty.

Each class will be hosted by a City department, at their facility. Some classes will involve facility tours. The only requirements are that participants must be Cooper City residents, age 21 or older. The 2019 class filled up fast so please contact Community Liaison Denise Lasarte at 954-434-4300 #263 or DLasarte@coopercityfl.org for information on next year's class. 



RELAY FOR LIFE

Saturday, April 27th • 5 PM - 12 Midnight

Cooper City High School • 954-434-4300 #263

Uh-Oh! Your Construction Project has NO Permit?

A permit protects the homeowner and the future occupants of the home. If a professional suggests that you don't need a permit, check with the Building Department because you probably do. This suggestion is usually a red flag that your architect or contractor is trying to cut corners on your project.

In most cases, you will pay a fee based on the value of the project. A permit ensures oversight of your contractor's work (or yours). The scrutiny of an inspector can guard against poor workmanship and ensure that work adheres to building codes.

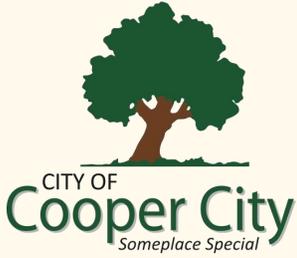
A permit may help you avoid future headaches. If building officials discover you have done work without a permit, you could be required to dismantle your remodel and start over again. If you sell your house, you might be legally obligated to disclose that you have remodeled without a permit, and the buyer could demand that you bring the work up to code. Call us at 954-434-4300 #230 with your questions. We're happy to help! 

You probably DO need a Permit if you plan to:

- Change the footprint of your house
- Move a load-bearing wall
- Alter the roofline
- Create a new door or window opening
- Replace an electric stove with a natural-gas model
- Move a sink
- Replace doors or windows
- Replace roof
- Install new electrical wiring
- Install a new fence
- Install shutters

But DO NOT need a Permit if you plan to:

- Install new floor coverings
- Change a countertop
- Replace a faucet



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Founder's Day 1959 - 2019: Celebrating 60 Years!



Cooper City's 60th annual birthday celebration will take place on Saturday, March 9th. The Founder's Day event kicks off at 7:30 a.m. with a 5K Color Run, benefitting *Relay for Life*, followed by a 1-mile Fun Run at Cooper City High School. This year's Pancake Breakfast will be held at the Community Center, 7:30-10:30 a.m. Find a good seat along

90th Avenue to view the Founder's Day Parade, which starts at 10:30 a.m., from the Community Center to Cooper City High School.

Afternoon festivities will begin at 1:00 p.m. at Brian Piccolo Park. Enjoy a car show, food booths, community performances, arts & crafts vendors, children's activities, BSO Police and Fire Expo, concert in the park, and fireworks beginning at 8:30 p.m.

We thank our sponsors: AshBritt Environmental, BNT Impact Windows & Doors, Castaneda Orthodontics and Memorial Hospital Pembroke. For more information about this event, please call 954-434-4300 #233, or visit the www.CooperCityFL.org Recreation page for a full schedule of events. 