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Fall EDITION

-  Back to School
-  Car Seat Checks
-  Dog Leash Laws
-  Election Information
-  Golf Cart Guide
-  Lightning Warnings
-  Parking Restrictions
-  Waste Management Assistance
-  Water System Valve Maintenance

LOW SPEED VEHICLE (LSV) GUIDE

Florida law allows golf carts to operate on the roadway as long as they meet the criteria of being “street-legal” (converted to low-speed vehicles). A low speed vehicle (LSV) is a vehicle with a top speed greater than 20 MPH, but not greater than 25 MPH. LSV's must be registered and titled, insured with personal injury protection (PIP) and property damage liability (PDL) insurance. Any person operating an LSV must have a valid driver's license. LSV's may only be operated on streets where the posted speed limit is 35 MPH or less. LSV's must be equipped with the following safety equipment:

- Windshield
- Vehicle Identification Number (VIN)
- Exterior Mirrors (driver-side and interior rear-view or passenger side)
- Headlamps
- Parking Brake
- Front and Rear Turn Signals
- Seat Belt for each designated seat
- Reflex Reflectors
- Tail Lamps
- Stop Lamps

More information can be found on flhsmv.gov/lowspeedvehicles.





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CONTACT NUMBERS

- City Hall (954) 434-4300
- Public Works (954) 434-2300
- Utilities (954) 434-5519
- Recreation (954) 434-4300, #352
- BSO Non-Emergency
- Police (954) 764-4357
- Fire (954) 432-8905

MAYOR AND COMMISSION

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WASTE MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE

Garbage, recycling, or bulk waste not picked up? Cooper City residents may report a missed pick-up through SeeClickFix. SeeClickFix is a reporting platform that allows residents to voice concerns to the City through the app on a smart device or on the City's SeeClickFix website, <https://seeclickfix.com/cooper-city>.

When reporting an issue using SeeClickFix, simply submit the service request and if possible, upload an attached photo. SeeClickFix allows residents to track progress on issues from beginning to resolution.

Garbage, recycling, or bulk waste issues may also be reported to the Utilities Department at UtilityBilling@coopercityfl.org or (954) 434-4300, ext. 350 and please be sure to follow all guidelines for the disposal of solid waste.



Safety Tips



END BULLYING STARTS WITH YOU:

- Don't encourage it.
- Don't ignore it.
- Be a friend.
- Talk to an adult if someone you know is being bullied.
- For more information, dial 2-1-1 or (954) 567-TEEN.

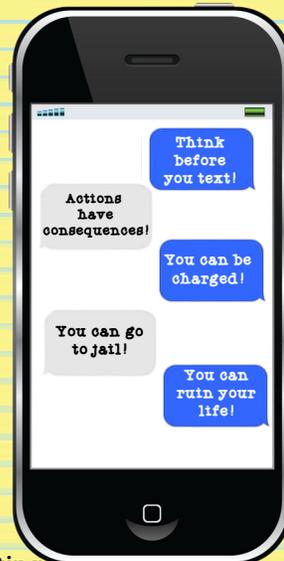
SAY NO TO BULLYING

Cyberbullying and Online Safety
What parents should know:
Nearly all teens have observed cyberbullying. It has been linked to a variety of negative effects including anxiety, depression and substance abuse. Posting or sending inappropriate photos, videos or messages about people can be considered a crime.

WHAT PARENTS CAN DO:

- Always keep close tabs on who your child is interacting with online.
- Ensure your child's social media accounts are set to 'private' and accessible only to pre-approved family and friends.
- Make sure your child never gives your home address or location to anyone they meet online.
- It is okay to delete and/or block people from your child's social media profile(s).
- If kids are being cyberbullied, encourage them to show you or a teacher right away. Do not delete messages; they may be needed to take further action.

For more information about all of our safety programs visit Sheriff.org.



Stay safe Cooper City and please remember your face mask!
For updated COVID-19 information, sign up for email notifications at www.CooperCityFL.org.



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DOG LEASH LAWS

Protect your beloved furry family member and be sure to follow Cooper City's Code of Ordinances.

“No person owning or having possession, charge, custody or control of any dog shall cause, permit or allow the dog to stray, run, be, go, or in any other manner to be at large in or upon any public street, sidewalk or park, or on private property of others without the express consent of the owner of such private property.”

(Code 1974, § 4-22) Ord. 64-7-1 Sec. 5-18.

Prohibited in parks and recreational areas.

“No person owning or having possession of any dog shall cause, permit or allow the dog to run, go, or in any other manner be in or upon any public park or recreational area, whether such dog be at large or restrained in any manner by the owner.”

Ord. No. 80-10-4, § 1, 10-7-80)

Cross reference-Parks and Recreation, Ch. 12.



WATER SYSTEM VALVE MAINTENANCE

The Cooper City Utilities Department will be performing water system valve maintenance during the months of October and November this year. This maintenance work, which is required by State law, consists of accessing all of the water main valves in the City and turning them to the closed position and then back open. We do this to confirm our records as to their location and to make sure that they work in the event that they're needed for water main breaks or other events.



The City has contracted with R&M Service Solutions to perform this work so, if you see workers and equipment wearing uniforms with the company logo, please know that they are authorized and trained to perform this work. Please contact us at (954) 434-5519 or email Mike Bailey, Utilities Director, at mbailey@coopercityfl.org with any questions.

PARKING RESTRICTIONS

Cooper City has updated its City Code to address many vehicles being parked and left unattended for hours at City parks and street swales, particularly near schools. As these unattended vehicles can pose security and safety concerns, the Broward County Sheriff's Office may issue parking citations.

Current Code reads as follows: Stopping, standing or parking on roadways within 1,000 feet of school to discharge or pick-up school passenger(s). No person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle on any roadway within 1,000 feet of the real property comprising a public or private elementary, middle, or secondary school within one (1) hour before the scheduled starting time for the regular school day or school special event or within one (1) hour after the scheduled school dismissal time for the regular school day or school special event, for the purpose of actively discharging from said vehicle or picking-up into said vehicle a passenger(s) of the age of nineteen (19) or younger who is going to or leaving the school property.



Thank you for your attention to and compliance with this new Parking Code.

⚡ LIGHTNING SAFETY TIPS

Lightning is a severe hazard that must be seriously viewed. The ThorGuard Lightning Protection System will sound one 15 second blast of the horn and a strobe light will begin flashing signaling suspension of activities. You should immediately seek shelter. Activities may be resumed only after three 5 second blasts of the horn are sounded and the strobe light stops flashing. ThorGuard Lightning Protection Systems are located at: Suellen H. Fardelmann Sports Complex, Bill Lips Sports Complex, Flamingo West Park, Pioneer Middle School and the Pool & Tennis Center.

SEEK

⚡ Large buildings, shelters, automobiles/trucks and tunnels with no standing water.

AVOID

⚡ Open areas, water, tall trees, metal fences, overhead wires and power lines, high ground areas, cell phones and small unprotected shelters.



CAR SEAT CHECKS

Is your child in the correct car seat?

BSO Fire Prevention Bureau is offering virtual car seat checks for parents/caregivers that need assistance with the installation of a child car seat.

Visit <https://www.sheriff.org/FR/Pages/Fire-Prevention.aspx> to schedule an appointment with a Certified Child Passenger Safety Technician.



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ELECTION DAY

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

Be Informed and Be Educated

The General Election on Tuesday, November 3, 2020 will have the race for Mayor and for District 4 Commissioner. You will also see eleven Charter Amendments.

Find more details on the Charter Amendments in the previous Cooper Quarterly www.coopercityfl.org, and our city's Facebook page at CooperCityFL.



CITY COMMISSION DISTRICT 4

-  **Joshua Giancarlo**
-  **Jennifer Goldfarb**
-  **Amy Lynn Rosen**
-  **Marty Sherwood**
-  **Ryan Shrouder**

VOTER INFORMATION LOOKUP

Use the Voter Information Look-up to:
Check your voter registration status, find your polling place, and/or check the status of your request for a vote-by-mail ballot.

If you cannot find your information online at dos.myflorida.com, please contact your Supervisor of Elections or call the Division of Elections' Voter Assistance Hotline at (866) 308-6739.

MUNICIPAL CANDIDATES MAYOR

-  **Mike Bufalo**
-  **Greg Ross**



NEW PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR



Welcome Steven Williamson to Cooper City as the new Public Works Director. Passionate about serving the City of Cooper City's residents, Steve was the Director of Capital Improvements for the City of Miami. He led a professional team of architects, engineers and project managers delivering more than 250 projects, valued at \$650 million and a forecasted five-year program of \$3.1 billion, to improve the city's roadways; transportation network; parks and recreation centers, cultural, municipal and public safety facilities; and sea-level rise and flood mitigation infrastructure.

His team also spearheaded the \$400 million Miami Forever Bond to build a stronger, more resilient future for the City of Miami.

A global leader with a local focus, Steve served 28 years as a US Army engineer, constructing military facilities across six continents and during five combat operations. He is now committed to Cooper City, driving change and strengthening the local community. He serves as a member of the City of Coral Gables' Transportation Advisory Board, a board member for Global Ties-Miami, and sits on the Advisory Council for United Way's Mission United.

Steve is also the president of the South Florida Defense Alliance, whose mission is to unite, champion and grow the regional defense community.

Steve graduated from the University of Virginia's McIntire School of Commerce; received master's degrees from Webster University, Texas A&M University, and the U.S. Army War College; and earned an Executive MBA from the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University in 2018. His major military awards include the Legion of Merit, two Bronze Star Medals, and the US Army Engineer Silver & Bronze Order de Fleury Medals.

WELCOME!