

# Cooper Quarterly

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## SIGN-UP TO RECEIVE EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS



Cooper City keeps residents and businesses informed of emergencies and other time-sensitive information through **CodeRED**, a high-speed emergency notification solution. Visit [www.CooperCityFL.org](http://www.CooperCityFL.org) and click **CodeRED** to register.

## Speed Limits Save Lives!

Your friends & neighbors want you to arrive home safe so please observe posted speed limits and traffic signage. The life you save could be your own!

## Holiday Garbage & Recycling Schedule

All garbage and recycling will be collected according to the normal schedule on Thanksgiving and New Year's Day. There will be NO pick-up scheduled for Christmas Day.

## Christmas Tree Disposal

Christmas trees may be placed in your garbage cart, if they fit with the lid completely closed. Otherwise, place your tree at the curb for regularly scheduled bulk pick-up. For an environmentally friendly option, Broward County offers a Chip-A-Tree program. Call your local Broward County park for more details: 954-357-5150.



## A Penny At Work: Both Must Pass or Both Will Fail

This November, there will be two questions on the ballot that involve Broward County and its municipalities, including Cooper City. Broward County voters can get informed about the proposed penny sales surtax; one half cent for the County and one half cent for our cities. Both ballot questions must pass for the penny surtax to take effect. If either surtax does not receive majority voter approval, both will fail.

Voters will have the opportunity to vote on a half cent (.5%) sales surtax with funds earmarked to Broward County. These monies would be allocated to transportation projects such as traffic signal synchronization, expanded shuttle services for seniors, and enhanced transit options.

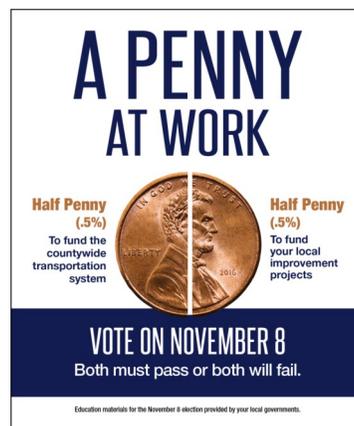
The second question is on the other .5% sales surtax, which, if passed, will provide additional funds to our City and others for infrastructure improvements. These projects can include, but are not limited to, repairing damaged streets and replacing aging pipes to protect our water quality and prevent street flooding.

Here in Cooper City, we have identified projects such as an additional fire station and road resurfacing throughout Cooper City.

Broward County is not alone. Across the country in cities such as Atlanta and Los Angeles, voters are being asked to consider similar questions. Palm Beach County voters will also be asked to approve a similar ballot measure in November.

We encourage residents to learn more about these proposed sales surtaxes and how they could affect you, said Mayor Greg Ross.

We encourage residents to learn the facts about these ballot questions and make the best decision. A website has been created to help inform voters about these two ballot questions. Learn more about the two sales surtax questions on the November ballot at [www.APennyAtWork.com](http://www.APennyAtWork.com).



## Fall 2016 Calendar: Meetings & Special Events\*

### OCTOBER

- 06 Commission Meeting
- 08 Community Garage Sale
- 10 CLOSED - Columbus Day
- 12 Help with Medicare Sign-Up
- 18 Homestead Exemption Help
- 19 Help with Medicare Sign-Up
- 21 Community Book Swap
- 22 Mayor's Chess Challenge
- 25 Commission Meeting
- 29 Trick or Treat Shop to Shop

### NOVEMBER

- 01 Commission Workshop
- 08 ELECTION DAY
- 11 Offices CLOSED - Veteran's Day
- 11 Veteran's Day Celebration
- 15 Florida Licensing on Wheels
- 16 Help with Medicare Sign-Up
- 19 Daddy-Daughter Dance
- 21 Commission Meeting & Swearing-In
- 24 CLOSED - Thanksgiving
- 25 CLOSED - Thanksgiving

### DECEMBER

- 02 Light-Up Cooper City
- 06 Homestead Exemption Help
- 10 Brunch with Santa
- 13 Commission Meeting
- 23 CLOSED - Christmas Eve
- 26 CLOSED - Christmas Day
- 30 CLOSED - New Year's Eve

**BULK PICK-UP: Oct 24 - 29, Nov 21 - 26, Dec 26 - 31**

\*Call the Recreation Department at 954-434-4300 #233 for more information.

\* Dates subject to change. Calendar does not include all events. Please refer to the City website at [www.CooperCityFL.org](http://www.CooperCityFL.org) for full schedule.



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## Trick-or-Treat Shop-to-Shop The Teal Pumpkin Project



The Mayor & Commissioners award prizes for best costumes to a cast of characters at during this popular annual event!

Do you know a child who misses out on trick-or-treating because of food allergies? In an effort to make Halloween safe and enjoyable for all children, FARE (Food Allergy Research & Education) has created the "Teal Pumpkin Project". You can join the Teal Pumpkin Project in their efforts to support these children by offering inexpensive non-food treats for those who suffer from food allergies. Show parents and children that you have allergen-safe treats available by placing a teal-colored pumpkin by your door. For more information please visit [www.foodallergy.org](http://www.foodallergy.org).

## Tips to Keep Your Family Safe During the Holiday Season

- Costumes should fit well and allow for visibility.
- Use battery-operated candles instead of candles.
- Keep an eye on cooking surfaces.
- Make sure that Christmas trees are well-watered and away from heat sources and open flames.
- Ensure that all smoke alarms are working.
- Keep electrical decorations in good condition and follow manufacturers' instructions.
- Always turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.



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