

Cooper Quarterly

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Important Election Dates

AUG 18-26: Primary Early Voting
AUG 28: PRIMARY ELECTION

Vote-by-Mail "Send" Deadline:

SEPT 22: Stateside & Overseas
Military & Civilian Voters

OCT 2-9: Domestic Voters

OCT 9: Voter Registration Deadline

OCT 22 - NOV 4: Early Voting

NOV 6: GENERAL ELECTION

Community Center Grand Re-Opening

We're happy to announce the newly renovated Community Center is now open for business! The 11,000 sq. ft. facility has been completely gutted and has benefited from a total top to bottom redesign.

This 7-month project features reconfigured spaces with new interior design including new kitchen, bathrooms, lighting, floor tile, sprinkler system, ceilings, impact windows, sound system & projection screen. City officials, architect and contractors were in attendance for the Grand Re-Opening Ribbon-Cutting event on Friday, August 3rd. Staff and instructors were on hand to lead tours of the facility as well as providing program information and registration.

The Community Center is located at the corner of 90th Avenue and SW 50th Street and is now open to the public for regular hours Mon-Wed 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM and Thurs-Fri 8:00 AM-5:00 PM. Call 954-434-4300 #259 for more information.



Hurricane Season Calls for Tree Trimming

Are your trees ready for the next storm? How about your landscaping? Weak and stressed trees are easy victims to high winds and heavy rainfall. Proper trimming can prevent property damage that may result from falling trees and flying landscape debris. Proper trimming of trees and landscape vegetation can help to prevent potential damage to your home. For tree trimming questions you may contact the City Arborist at 954-434-2300.

With that being said, it's also important to not wait until the last minute for tree and landscape trimming. All too often, as the community is receiving warnings of a storm making landfall, residents begin trimming their trees and piling landscape debris along the side of the road. This practice only increases the risk of damage to your property and your neighbors' homes.

We encourage you to consider trimming your trees and landscaping as early as possible while taking advantage of upcoming bulk collection dates. 

Please be aware that there are limitations to the amount of vegetation that may

be placed curbside during bulk pick-up. Make sure to separate your vegetation bulk from any household items that you may be discarding. Please keep in mind that your total bulk trash pick-up shall be six (6) cubic yards or less and under 40 pounds per item. That's about the size of six (6) mattresses piled on top of each other. Large root balls, massive trunks or trunk sections (over the weight limit), dirt rocks, sod and any vegetation cut by landscape contractors are not allowed. Any debris that falls outside of these limits will NOT be collected.

We can keep our fingers crossed that Cooper City will not experience any hurricanes this season, but it's better to be safe than sorry. If we all work together we can keep our Tree City someplace special! 

BULK PICK-UP SCHEDULE:

August 20th - 25th

September 17th - 22nd

October 22nd - 27th

Tree & Plant Workshop

Our 26th Annual Tree & Plant Care Workshop is scheduled for Saturday, September 29th. This popular event features informative speakers addressing a number of topics useful to South Florida gardeners. Lunch is provided and books and plants will be available for purchase. Event is complimentary for Cooper City residents but reservations are required so call 954-434-2300 to save your seat! 

Cooper City Instagram

What do your Cooper City parks mean to you? We're launching Cooper City's new Instagram account with this question and asking you to share your best pictures of your family enjoying our parks. Don't forget your 4-legged family members! Favorite photos with the most "likes" will be shared on the City Hall lobby display. Don't forget to tag @CooperCityGOV and #CCParks #SomeplaceSpecial. 

Sports Complex & Bill Lips Hours of Operation

	<u>SPORTS COMPLEX</u>
MON-THUR	5:30 PM - 10:00 PM
FRIDAY	5:30 PM - 9:30 PM
SATURDAY	8:00 AM - 6:00 PM
SUNDAY	11:00 AM - 5:00 PM

	<u>BILL LIPS PARK</u>
MON-FRI	5:30 PM - 9:30 PM
SATURDAY	8:00 AM - 6:00 PM
SUNDAY	11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

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Bond Referendum: Cooper City Voters to Decide

During the General Election this coming November, Cooper City residents will face one of the longest ballots in decades. In addition to voting for Florida's next governor and numerous other national, state and local races, Cooper City voters will have 25 referendum issues to vote on.

One of those referendum items relates to Cooper City only. It reads as follows:

"Shall the City of Cooper City issue general obligation bonds not exceeding \$12,000,000, in one or more series, maturing not later than twenty (20) years from their issuance dates, bearing interest not exceeding the maximum allowable by law, payable from ad valorem taxes levied by the City, to finance renovations and improvements to Bill Lips Park and the Sports Complex?"

As Cooper City residents, you probably have two big questions. Why is the City asking for this bond referendum and how does it impact you?

If approved, the bond money will be used to make

renovations and improvements to both Bill Lips Park and the Sports Complex. The current field situation at both Bill Lips Park and the Sports Complex is inadequate to handle the number of people – both youth and adult – who use the fields for soccer, baseball, softball and football. The current layout at both parks creates constant wear and tear on the fields that results in nine weeks of lost play time each year as the fields are repaired.

By consolidating specific sports fields at each park, we eliminate the need for down time between sports. Additionally, replacing the sod at Bill Lips with synthetic turf will reduce the cost of maintenance annually.

In addition to the fields being improved at both facilities, other improvements that will occur should the referendum pass include better lighting, more parking, updated restrooms, better drainage, and pavilions for public use.

For more information on this issue, visit the city website at www.coopercityfl.org and click on the orange button for the Bond Referendum. 



The Recreation Dept Has Something for Everyone!

How much do you know about Cooper City's Recreation Department? If you've attended a City event or if you're involved in any of the diverse activities provided by this department, then you know they are dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for our residents.

Recreational programming is provided at two multi-faceted facilities: the Cooper City Community Center and the Pool & Tennis Center. These facilities offer many opportunities for quality family and individual recreation classes and programs throughout the year. Whether your interest is in ceramics, art, dance, drama, karate/martial arts, tennis or tutoring, we've got something for everyone. You'll find several fitness programs and a fitness room that is open 7 days a week. Both locations are available for birthday parties, reunions, receptions and private group functions.

Cooper City active adults are invited to join us for activities, classes and programs at both facilities. Make new friends and get involved with Open Mah-Jongg, Line Dancing, Clickers Corner (Crochet & Knitting), movie matinees, and fitness programs to name a few. Our

adult programs include monthly trips, educational seminars and luncheons. Recreation also provides senior transportation services for residents 62 & over.

When school is out, fun is in with Cooper City's enrichment programs. Kids Day Off, Winter Camp, Holiday Camp and Summer Camp keep kids busy during school breaks. Pioneer Middle School students can participate in before-care and afterschool activities.

The Pool & Tennis Center is open 7 days a week for open swim and water fun. Our Aquatic Program includes swim lessons for all ages and levels, a year round competitive swim team and American Red Cross Lifeguard and Water Safety Instructor courses.

More than 25 special events are organized annually by the Recreation Department Staff. Our events offer a wide variety of family fun from the popular Founder's Day event and Light Up Cooper City to Father/Son Adventure and much more. You'll find numerous opportunities for volunteering or becoming an event sponsor. Please visit the Recreation page on the City website or call 954-434-4300 #259 for more information. 

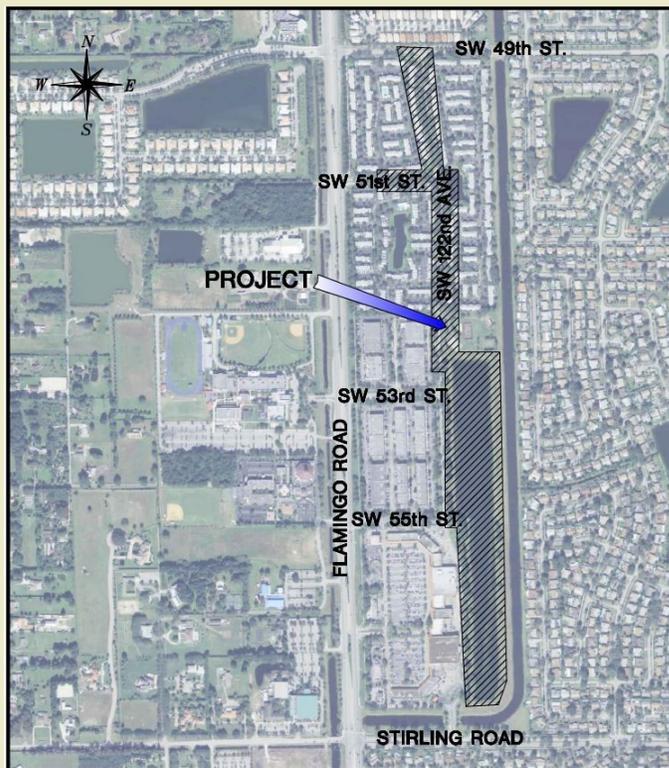
Drainage Improvement Project at SW 122nd Avenue

Construction will soon begin on a new drainage project designed to alleviate significant flooding problems in the Natalie's Cove and Flamingo Townhomes neighborhoods. These Cooper City neighborhoods are subject to flooding during heavy rain events.

The Natalie's Cove/Flamingo Townhomes Drainage Improvement Project involves the construction of a new 48-inch diameter storm drain pipe on SW 122 Ave from SW 49 Street to the lake immediately east of the Country-side Shops. The scope of this project will also include widening of the lake by approximately 30 feet along its eastern bank. Construction is expected to be completed by April 2019 (barring any unforeseen delays).

Trimming the tree canopy along 122nd Avenue will be one of the first phases of this project in order to increase clearance for large construction equipment to gain access to the site. Traffic will also be affected, and may have to be detoured at times to accommodate the construction.

We will make every reasonable effort to minimize disruptions to the surrounding community and will fully restore all areas impacted by this project. Construction activities will be limited to Monday - Friday 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM, with a few exceptions during critical operations. 🌿



For more information please call (954) 434-5519 or send email to jmolaschi@coopercityfl.org. Project information and status reports will be shared on the City website, Twitter @CooperCityGov and Facebook @CooperCityFL.

COOPER CITY MEETINGS & SPECIAL EVENTS

AUGUST

- 03 Community Center Ceremony
- 04 Cooper City Chess Challenge
- 08 Grandparents Day Ticket Sales
- 11 Cooper City Chess Challenge
- 11 Household Hazardous Waste
- 18 Cooper City Chess Challenge
- 21 City Commission Meeting
- 21 Help w/Homestead Exemption
- 22 Mom & Son Night Ticket Sales
- 25 Furry Friends Meet & Greet
- 25 Cooper City Chess Challenge

SEPTEMBER

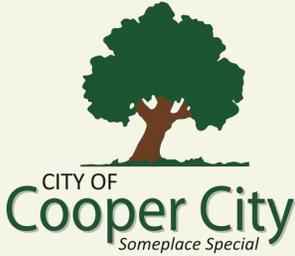
- 03 CLOSED - Labor Day
- 05 Garage Sale Registration
- 08 Bike Rodeo & Literacy Fair
- 09 Grandparents Day Celebration
- 12 1st Budget Hearing
- 12 City Commission Meeting
- 15 Cooper City Chess Challenge
- 18 Florida Licensing on Wheels
- 20 Final Budget Hearing
- 21 Mom & Son Night of Fun
- 22 Household Hazardous Waste
- 25 City Commission Meeting

OCTOBER

- 03 EAB Hosts Candidates Night
- 06 Community Garage Sale
- 08 CLOSED - Columbus Day
- 09 City Commission Meeting
- 12 Community Book Swap
- 13 Household Hazardous Waste
- 16 Help w/Homestead Exemption
- 17 Daddy Daughter Tickets Sales
- 20 Cooper City Chess Challenge
- 23 City Commission Meeting
- 27 Trick-or-Treat Shop-to-Shop

Dates subject to change. Calendar does not include all events. Please refer to the City website at www.CooperCityFL.org for full schedule or call 954-434-4300 for more information.

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Cooper City Pawsitively Yappy About New Bark Parks



In July, Cooper City officials held the official Grand Opening and Ribbon-Cutting for two new dog parks located within Forest Lake Park and Christie Schafale Park.

Cooper City places a high value on recreational park spaces. They provide a public gath-

ering place for family recreation, community events, team sports and getting to know your neighbors. The City developed the dog parks in response to growing resident interest in local options for their furry family members.

The new parks are fully enclosed by 6 ft. fencing with double gates at every entrance. Both parks are landscaped with abundant shade. Puppy play equipment, benches, clean-up bags and water fountains have been provided for pups and their peeps. There are no restrictions on size or breed and each park is divided into two sections, for large and small (25 lbs. and under) dogs.

We are excited to see our Cooper City families enjoying the new dog parks. We encourage visitors to be good neighbors, observe the posted rules and clean-up after their pups so everyone may enjoy the park. 🍃



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