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SeeClickFix

Want to report an issue in your neighborhood? **SeeClickFix** mobile app and web tools allow Cooper City residents to report issues with pictures, specific descriptions, and more — valuable information to get the job done efficiently. Residents can view, comment and vote to fix problems submitted by their neighbors, as well as tracking the status of concerns. The SeeClickFix platform provides City staff with a centralized issue management system which allows for tracking and interaction with residents from start to finish. Download the mobile app or visit the City website www.CooperCityFL.org.

www.Ready.gov

With this year's hurricane event still fresh in our minds, this is a good time to revisit your emergency plans and make any changes that may be helpful next season. As a reminder, it's important to ensure that your supplies are fully-stocked and in good condition. Preparing in advance can save lives and property! **Visit www.ready.gov** for more tips on Hurricane Season preparations.



25th Annual Tree & Plant Care Workshop



Cooper City's Annual Tree & Plant Care Workshop is a great opportunity to meet your neighbors and gain valuable information on a variety of tree and plant care topics.

Our residents enjoyed the 25th Annual Tree & Plant Care Workshop September 16th, including a celebration of Cooper City's designation as a Community Wildlife Habitat. This complimentary community seminar included lunch, a plant sale, and classes on *Landscape Alchemy*, *Vegetable Growing in Your Yard* and *Bee Social!* This popular annual event for our Cooper City gardeners helps to foster and encourage a green community where people, wildlife and plants can flourish. 🌿

ISO Insurance Savings

Effective August 1, 2017 Cooper City's Insurance Services Office (ISO) Rating is now Class 2. Under the ISO program, communities can score between 1 and 10, with Class 1 being the most exemplary and Class 10 being the least. The ISO rating helps insurers measure a community's risk of fire damage. Your community's ability to fight fires can affect how much you pay to insure your home. Please contact your insurance carriers with this important information. 🌿

Where's the Fob?

The Broward Sheriff's Office would like to remind our residents to please be vigilant in locking your doors. Protect your family and property by locking all doors and windows when you leave the house or turn-in for the night. Cars should always be locked and key fobs should not be left inside your vehicle. Don't give criminals an opportunity to take advantage of an unlocked door. 🌿

Storm Debris Collection

As Cooper City continues to recover from the effects of Hurricane Irma, we would like to share some guidance for storm debris removal. Cooper City's storm debris disposal contractors have been collecting debris since September 16th. Please do not confuse storm debris collection with REGULAR HOUSEHOLD or BULK garbage collection.

1. Separate tree limbs and vegetation from demolition/construction debris. Co-mingled materials slow the collection process AND make disposal more expensive for the City.
2. Bagged materials will not be collected. Dispose of them with your regular trash.
3. All storm debris stacked on the swale will be picked up by the City's contractor.

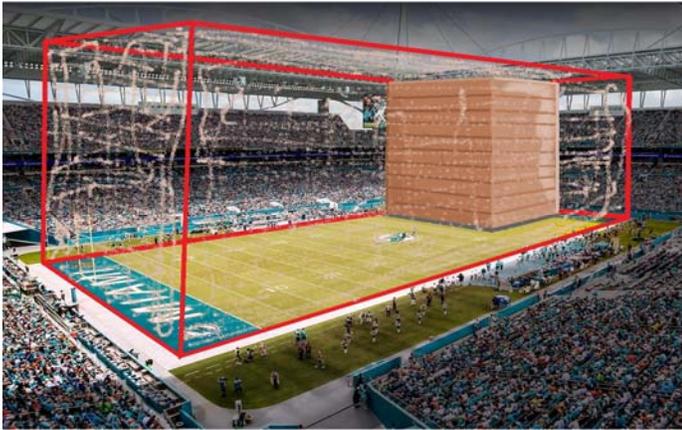
Thank you for your patience and cooperation and please do share these tips with your friends and neighbors so we can get through this clean-up process as quickly as possible. We still have a lot of work to do! 🌿

SENIOR LIFESTYLE EXPO

January 13, 2018 9:00 AM - 12:00 NOON Cooper City High School

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10-Stories High with a Football Field Footprint



This is what 200,000 cubic yards of storm debris looks like. A pile approximately the height of a 10-story building with a footprint the size of a football field. To date the City's debris collection contractors have cleared more than 100,000 cubic yards of vegetation debris, almost half the City's debris. We are estimating that all debris will be collected before Thanksgiving.

Between the City's debris contractor and City Public Works crews, at least 20 pieces of heavy equipment are

engaged in this undertaking. As soon as the storm cleared our first priority was to remove trees and large branches from main roadways. As more equipment became available, crews began clearing neighborhoods with public roads and then the private developments that maintain their own roadways. A second pass has already begun collecting demolition and construction debris and trees that were trimmed after the storm.

We understand your frustration and can assure you that Cooper City's debris contractors and City crews have been working as quickly and efficiently as possible to clear storm debris from our roadways. Due to thorough preparation before hurricane season, we are one of the few communities with debris collection contractors who showed up for the job and honored the contract we established before hurricane season. Many cities were not so lucky during a time when national resources have been pulled to Texas, Louisiana and the entire state of Florida.

As always, we appreciate your support and your patience as we work through this recovery period. 🌿

CERT Volunteers Assisted Vulnerable Population



The Cooper City/BSO Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) assisted members of our vulnerable population with wellness checks and shutter installation in preparation for Hurricane Irma, as well as post-storm recovery efforts.

Our local CERT is a group of citizens who volunteer their time to assist in emergency situations until professional help arrives. Cooper City formed its first CERT team in early 2007; now 40 members strong and we need your help!!

Volunteers can call the Cooper City Fire Department (954-432-8905) for more information about CERT classes. 🌿



Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Speaking of volunteers, we owe a special debt of gratitude to the generous residents and local church congregants who volunteered their time to help neighbors with preparations and recovery efforts related to Hurricane Irma; from shutter installations to grocery shopping, generators, fuel supplies and park debris clean-up. You, our unsung heroes, are the most important ingredient in the "Someplace Special" recipe! 🌿

Category 5 Hurricane Irma Threatens South Florida

As a category 5 storm with maximum sustained winds of 185 mph, Hurricane Irma was the strongest hurricane observed in the Atlantic since Wilma in 2005. It was also the most intense Atlantic hurricane to strike the US since Katrina. Irma was significantly larger than Hurricane Andrew at approximately 425 miles in width. These factors had state and local officials anticipating the potential for widespread devastation; closing schools, government offices and encouraging coastal evacuations.

Hurricane Irma made landfall in the Florida Keys September 10th, with sustained winds of 130 mph. The hurricane dropped to a category 3 before reaching Broward

with reports of tornado activity and wind gusts as high as 109 mph. By September 11th, Irma had weakened but was still wide enough to cover parts of Florida and Canada at the same time.

Almost 500,000 FPL customers were without power in Broward County. At least 10,600 Cooper City customers lost power during the storm or shortly after, but FPL addressed the majority of our outages within a few days and had Cooper City completely restored within 11 days. The biggest impact to Cooper City was the damage to our tree canopy. It was estimated that Hurricane Irma left Cooper City with 200,000 cubic yards of debris to be cleared. 

Help Us to Combat the Spread of Mosquitoes

Rainy season and remaining storm debris encourage mosquito breeding in our community. The fight against the Zika virus requires a community effort. Business owners, residents, municipalities, healthcare, governmental organizations...everyone can help!

The Zika virus is carried by a species of mosquito called *Aedes aegypti*. This mosquito needs very little water to breed, can breed indoors and outdoors, and can cause severe birth defects such as microcephaly to unborn children.

TIP containers holding standing water around your property to eliminate mosquito breeding habitats, indoors and out.

TOSS unneeded items that can hold water, such as old tires, palm fronds or old planters.

TREAT bromeliads or any larger items that can't be tipped, with larvicide containing BTi or Spinosad

Property spraying: Broward County Mosquito Control Division at 954-765-4062, or email zapzika@broward.org. 

Fall 2017 Calendar: Meetings & Special Events*

NOVEMBER

10 CITY HALL CLOSED
11 Veteran's Ceremony
14 Commission Meeting
18 Open Play Chess Challenge
18 Household Hazardous Waste
18 Daddy Daughter Dance
19 Autism Awareness Day
23 CITY HALL CLOSED
24 CITY HALL CLOSED
25 Commission Meeting

DECEMBER

01 Light-Up Cooper City
05 Help with Homestead
09 Brunch with Santa
09 Household Hazardous Waste
12 Commission Meeting
16 Open Play Chess Challenge
22 Movie in the Park
23 CITY HALL CLOSED
25 CITY HALL CLOSED
29 CITY HALL CLOSED

JANUARY

01 CITY HALL CLOSED
03 Richardson 5K Run / Walk
09 Commission Meeting
10 Say "I Do" Again Ticket Sales
13 Senior Lifestyle Expo
19 Eat to the Beat
23 Commission Meeting
26 Father Son Adventure
27 Household Hazardous Waste

* 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.

BULK PICK-UP SCHEDULE

November 20 - 25 / December 18 - 23 / January 22 - 27



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City Employees: Prepare for the Worst & Hope for the Best



City Hall Friday before the storm so employees would have time to secure their homes and pack hurricane supplies before returning to their City facilities to ride out the storm. City employees began assessing damage and restoring main roadways as soon as Hurricane Irma has cleared the area.

A lot of work goes into getting the City and our facilities ready when a hurricane is approaching. The week prior to the arrival of Hurricane Irma had City employees busy with the same hurricane prep tasks that we all do at home, but on a much larger scale. We closed

Cooper City's employee representatives were stationed at the County Emergency Operations Center and the municipal emergency operations center at Cooper City's BSO District 16. They monitored the storm, providing status reports to the community and the County throughout the night. 🌿

"An Ounce of Prevention is Worth a Pound of Cure." — Benjamin Franklin