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NEWSLETTER
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The next JTCA Meetings will be on
Monday May 21st. and June 18th.
Meetings are 7:00 PM Sharp, held at the
Walter Fuller Youth Center, 7891 26th Avenue North

Meeting AGENDA's

May **June**

- Scott Taylor Hartzell -Historian
- Vote on Chabad purchase of Public Gardens site (see below)
- Mildred Everth of Anderson McQueen Funeral Homes. "End-of-life planning"

Solving the Homeless Issue in St. Petersburg

Dr. Ed Carlson, et alia, 2/26/07

The Summit on Homelessness, over 300+ people including homeless people, was a further education for me.

- 55% of the homeless in Pinellas are in St. Petersburg's 22% of county area – far more than our "share".
- Magnet: "Two weeks after the illegal tent city opened, our downtown homeless count saw a 30% increase." Mayor Baker, St. Petersburg Times, 1/10/07.
- \$15,000,000 per year specifically goes to homelessness in Pinellas County, conservatively.
- This does not include police costs, hospital costs, and other infrastructure costs.
- \$2,500,000 in '06 by St. Pete. Added support for programs providing hundreds of new beds, drug treatment, medical care, mental illness care, one-stop services center and outreach team over the last 5 years.
- 21 Organizations in St. Petersburg are Homeless Service Providers, plus church programs and dollars.
- Police: Increase 670% Calls; 650% Reports; 700% Arrests, Feb. over Jan. 2007 in area with comparable data.

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Membership Vote

The membership will vote to support or oppose a plan for the City of St Petersburg to sell the land just South of Azalea Middle School on the South side of 22nd Avenue. The land is currently used for garden plots. If this property is sold, a Church will be built there.



Scott Taylor Hartzell

Scott Taylor Hartzell hails from New Castle, Pa. After graduating from New Castle High School and attending Westminster College in New Wilmington, Pa., Hartzell served 12 years in the retail field in the Keystone State. During nearly eight of those years, he held management positions. Some 20 years ago, Hartzell came to St. Petersburg. Prior to receiving a bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of South Florida – St. Petersburg in 1998, he served as editor of the university's newspaper. During this time, he was also writing for several other local small newspapers and establishing himself as a cor-

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Annual Membership Dues Due in January





Jungle Terrace Civic Association
Minutes of Membership Meeting
March 19, 2007

The meeting started at 7:05 pm.

Community Service Officer Patterson discussed the new procedures for calling in problems for our area. The C-Path for calls goes to the different departments it relates to. For instance, a particular call

may be routed to vice or narcotics. If there is any suspicious activity, you are encouraged to call 893-7780 as calls to the CSO line are answered as someone becomes available and it may be too late by then. The CSO line is 551-3183 for our district, District 3. There were 3 burglaries, 4 suspicious calls (including loitering, suspicious vehicle), and 15 traffic stops. Questions were asked and answered.

Dale Smith, of St. Petersburg General Hospital, presented their H2U program. Joining the program brings savings on travel, pet insurance, hotel and car rental, among other things. In addition, they have different programs and activities they do, like seminars on different health issues.

Tad Johnson, Manager of Tyrone Square Mall, spoke to the upcoming projects at the mall. He spoke of the proposed new movie theater, repaving portions of the parking lot, new signage, the Old Navy store opening in August 2007 and work to get a new restaurant in the old Tia's Restaurant.

It was moved and seconded to accept the Minutes of the February meet-

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Jungle Terrace Civic Association
Minutes of Membership Meeting
April 16, 2007

The meeting started at 7:05 pm.

Community Service Officer Patrick McGovern discussed that there was no major activity in the area for the past month. It was brought up that there were homeless people living under the sign in the Tyrone Square Mall area by the overpass of Tyrone Blvd. Officer McGovern said that it would be investigated.

Ed Carlson discussed the Art Grant Project for our Association. A letter was drafted to go to local artists and has been sent out to various agencies and artists. The Art Grant Committee will select 4-6 candidates who reply and then ask them for a presentation of what they envision. Site suggestions are still welcome on where to place the art for our Association.

Rabbi Alter Korf discussed the proposed purchase of the public garden on 22nd Avenue North and asked for support from our association. Questions were asked and answered. It was discussed that we would vote on support or not for this at the May meeting.

Zach Cornett, Eagle Scout from Troop 261, discussed hurricane evacuation and his project in his neighborhood of Fossil Park and how he went about getting his neighborhood thinking about what they would do in the event of a hurricane. He thought that all neighborhoods could and should do the same.

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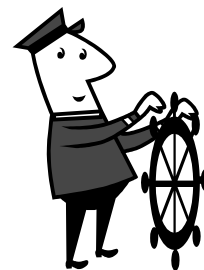
by Wally Guthrie

Bitter End. Known today as a painful finale, the term originally referred to posts on a sailing ship, called "bits," around which rope was coiled. The end of the rope closest to the bit was the "bitter end."

Knock off Work. The galleys of sailing ships were once filled with men rowing to the rhythm of a mallet striking a wooden block. It was only time to quit rowing when the knocking stopped.

Son of a Gun. Children were sometimes born on ships, often between the cannons on the gun deck. If the father of a baby boy was unknown, the infant was recorded in the ship's log as a "son of a gun."

Devil to Pay. Although now used primarily to warn of an unpleasant consequence, this phrase described a grueling job – caulking the longest seam or "devil" of a wooden ship. A sailor would use a pitch, known as "pay," to do the caulking. ***



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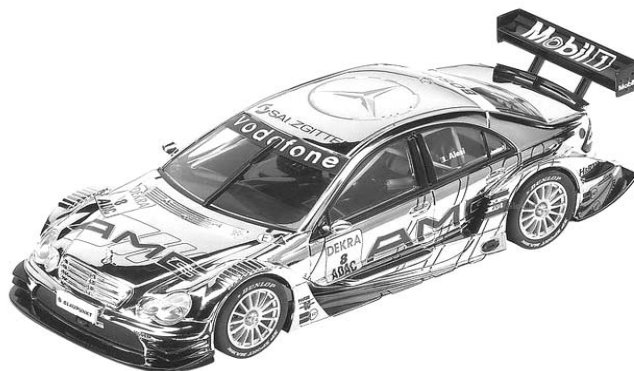
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- Growing: "Many (major cities) have poured in substantial resources only to see the problem get worse." Mayor Baker, St. Petersburg Times, 1/30/07.
- 241 beds for chronic homeless or homeless with disabilities, NOT counted in stats below.
- 424 Emergency and Transitional Shelter Beds are available in the county.
- 3.25 persons/ bed/ per year statistic in Tent City Model = at least 1,378 homeless ALREADY served.
- NOT 1 "SUCCESSFUL" person transitioning out of homelessness was presented, nor any "transition" data. Advocate stated: "90% success rate" transitioning out of homelessness with the Tent City Model. 10% is 138 per year, 276 in 2 years. 90% is 1,240 per year, 2,480 in 2 years. "Show us Success". Current programs appear to be failures – providing only a hand-out – rather than a hand-up.
- NO MODEL of Success was even acknowledged. Google: Homeless + Successful Programs yielded many. Over the last year the number of street people in Atlanta has declined 8.5%. Impressive declines since 2003: 50% in Philadelphia, 30% in Miami, 28% in San Francisco, 26% in Dallas, 21% in Nashville. N.Y. City a 13% decrease since 2005. [Wall Street Journal, attached.]
- Composition: Homeless by Choice, prefer "houseless"; Unintentional, including women and children.
- Florida Statutes 823 has Nuisance penalties including "... tents... which tend to annoy the community." F.S. 790 specifies "Vagrants and other undesirable persons."

QUALITY of LIFE for the Citizens of St. Petersburg. In the big picture, our regular citizens count too! Born, living and working in St. Pete for 66 years, the City never "gave" me anything, even appreciation. The City DOES provide a fine Quality of Life – as long as I pay – or they will take it away. Everyone must contribute to the Quality of Life – not detract from it – thus we have effective Codes; 24 hour Graffiti, Skateboard and other ordinances; Street Sweepers and debris cleanup in Parks, Sanitation pickup, etc.

SUMMIT: each group came up with 3 issues, then 3 solutions. Our group of 3 men, 5 women, including Afro-Americans, homeless advocates, business and neighborhood representatives began very volatile . . . then gradually developed a common ground and vision.

Issues:

1. Balance firmness (Quality of Life) with integrated Services/Infrastructure.
2. Quality of Life includes employee safety, effective law enforcement, loitering, negative economic impacts, negative esthetic impacts, negative tourism impacts.
3. Integrated infrastructure of services to move people into independence.

Solutions:

1. STRINGENT: More stringent than other cities to prevent becoming a magnet.
 - A. Strengthen City Ordinances
 - B. Strengthen Enforcement
 - C. Prevention: Do our share -- without exacerbating the problem.
2. SUPPORT the "Flow-Through Temporary Housing Model" like the Tent City proposal.
 - A. Specific Place, Maximum Time Limit, Signed Contract, Case Plan for each person.

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Pinellas Trail - Before and After

By Bob Miller

These are some pictures I took to give you an idea about the progress that is being made on the Pinellas Trail cleanup. The job is not done but there has been a great deal of progress. Additional pictures can be seen on our web site at

<http://www.jungle-terrace.org/>

I tried to take each before and after photo from the same place and perspective.

Before



After





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7500 36 Ave N.	3/1	864	\$163,900.00	120
2520 Boca Ciega	1/1	840	\$179,000.00	78
7642 33 Ave N.	3/2	1215	\$179,000.00	51
6688 30 Ave N.	2/2	1472	\$180,000.00	174
2092 74 St N.	3/2	1100	\$182,900.00	3
6741 30 Ave N.	2/1	987	\$185,000.00	34
6960 30 Ave N.	3/2	1132	\$189,900.00	23
3000 76 Way N.	3/2	1605	\$225,000.00	95
8253 Yardley Ave	2/2	1334	\$259,000.00	63
8221 23 Ave N.	2/2	1438	\$300,000.00	125

There have been 12 homes that have sold in our area since the last newsletter. The average sales price is \$190,975.00 with an average of 1133 square feet. The average price per square foot is \$168.56.

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Flooding

By Bob Miller

FLOODING is a serious problem in West St. Pete and has never been successfully mitigated. Jungle Lake was to get a larger culvert to Boca Ciega Bay when the lake was reconfigured 10 years ago to prevent runoff contamination of the Bay. The City promised culvert was in 5 year plan -- over 10 years ago! Nothing has done in 17 years! This proposed culvert would help alleviate the flooding issues around 30th Ave N and 75th St. and along 22nd Ave N near the Azalea Middle school library.

Another location in our neighborhood that experiences flooding is the area around 36th Ave N. Although this problem has



The Vice President of Jungle Terrace Association, Ron Russell, experienced 10 inches of water in his home which is located on 36th Ave N.!

existed for a very long time a solution may be at hand for this location. Pinellas County is taking some action on two fronts that may provide some relief here.

First, they are working to remove overgrowth along the Pi-

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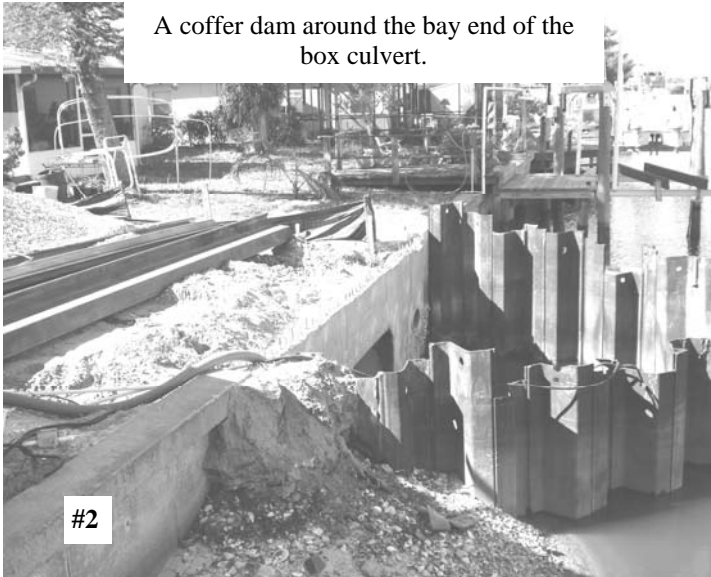
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nellas trail from the Park Street / Tyrone Blvd area to 22nd Ave. Actually they are improving the maintenance along the trail not only through our neighborhood but farther South. I spoke to one of the workers about this and I was told that the drainage ditch along the trail will also be cleaned out.

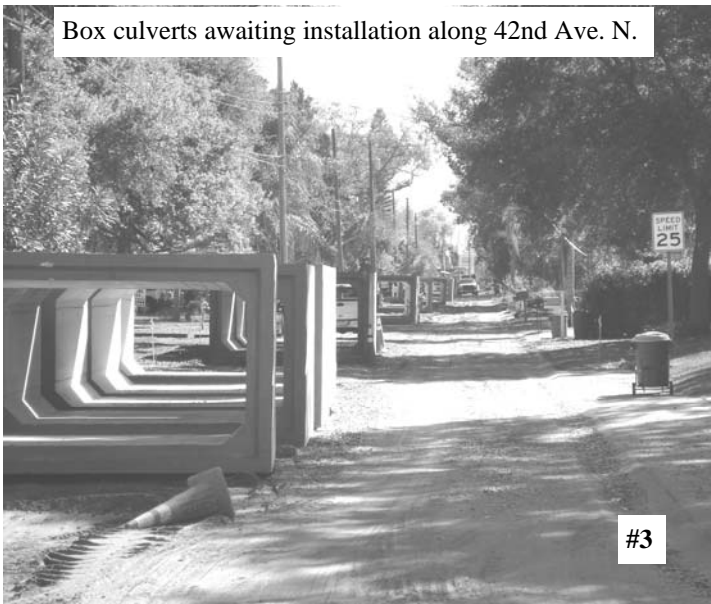
Second, the County is installing a large box culvert from 85th Street N and 42nd Ave under 42nd Ave to an area next to Outback Steakhouse. This should improve drainage and relieve the backup problem that causes flooding in this area. On this and the next page I've placed some pictures of the work being done. I've also tried to indicate what "was" and what "will be". By improving the drainage through this section, it is hoped that flooding in the upstream area will be a thing of the past. ***



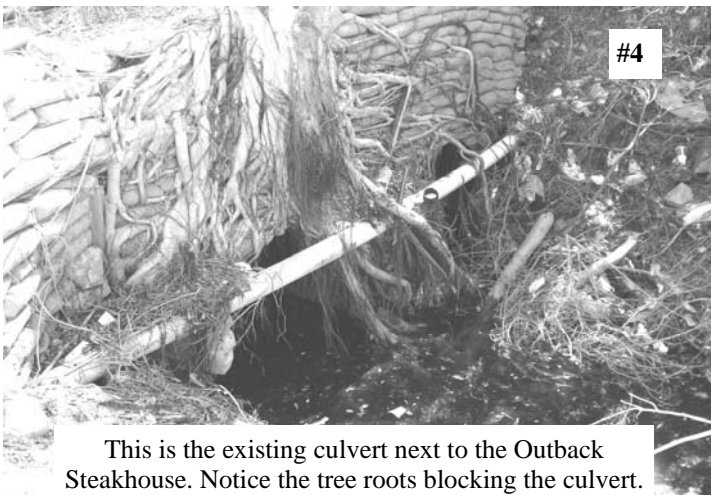
This view is from the culvert next to the Outback Steakhouse looking downstream at the existing culverts under 83rd Street. These culverts will be replaced by the large box culverts.



A coffer dam around the bay end of the box culvert.



Box culverts awaiting installation along 42nd Ave. N.



This is the existing culvert next to the Outback Steakhouse. Notice the tree roots blocking the culvert.

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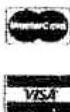
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- VALID PHOTO ID required, including helping them obtain ID, for services and for tracking results.
- If no photo ID and cannot obtain one, turn over to Homeland Security as a possible security risk.
- St. Pete recreation has a Photo ID resident and non-resident; plus an annual fee for non-residents.
- Salvation Army and other shelters require valid Photo ID.
- Law Enforcement: "The Homeless by Choice often PURPOSEFULLY DESTROY and REFUSE TO HAVE ID – they do not want their past behavior known.
- ARREST PHOTOS as ID are accepted by the Salvation Army to get around this."

RESULTS are MEASURED – move beyond "throwing money at the problem" and seeing no results. There ARE successful models. See attached "R,W&A" and Wall Street Journal Article, in which New York's Mayor Bloomberg gave a speech calling on mayors and communities to free themselves from the tyranny of the advocates ,....And

- Los Angeles has encampments of 5,000-plus homeless people.
- Elegant new downtown skyscrapers look out on block after block of tents, shacks and cardboard.
- SUCCESS is defined as "Transition out of Homelessness", NOT as "feeding" and "sheltering". REAL "Help and Performance Standards" to prevent mismanagement by agencies.
- MYTH: Homeless people want to work and have a home.
- TRUTH: A very large percentage, possibly the majority, are "HOMELESS BY CHOICE." Easy Street, a two year documentary of St. Pete homeless. St. Pete Times, 2/9/07 "We always hoped at least one person would beat the odds and give the film a happy ending. Unfortunately, none of them really did."
- HOMELESS by CHOICE: Law Enforcement: "The vast majority I contact are by CHOICE." "In my 19 year career, I actually was able to help 2 or 3 groups/families who were in REAL NEED and not homeless by choice." A recent news articles about a family is indicative of the problem. The husband stated things like "need to take a couple of days rest" from job hunting because of stress – give me a break – if my family is homeless, I'm not stopping for anyone!! His "rest" just happened to follow a 'helping' hand by a church that gave them temporary place to stay – a hand-up that he turned into a hand-out.
- COMPUTERS of major Florida cities are accessible to prevent redundant serve to Intentionally Houseless.

BROKEN WINDOWS theory, ignoring little problems -- graffiti, litter, shattered glass (homeless)— creates a sense of irreversible decline that leads people to abandon the community or to stay away. Two major claims:

- 1) further petty crime and low-level anti-social behavior will be deterred, and thus
- 2) major crime will be prevented.

Fixing Broken Windows: Restoring Order and Reducing Crime in Our Communities by George L. Kelling and Catherine Coles is a criminology book published in 1996, about petty crime and strategies to contain or eliminate it from urban neighborhoods.

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respondent with the *St. Petersburg Times*. It was with the *Times* that he began chronicling histories of the Sunshine City.

For nearly a decade, Hartzell's history column appeared regularly in the *Neighborhood Times* section of the *Times*. His stories focused on people, structures and events that influenced the area. His stories are peppered with historical facts and comments from descendants and associates who have experienced the city's growth. From 2000 to 2001, Hartzell introduced and taught a St. Petersburg history course locally as part of the elective program at Wellington Central Middle School.

More than five years ago, the St. Petersburg Museum of History asked Hartzell to donate his research to them. The museum now preserves all of his research notes in its archives. He has lectured before numerous organizations, at the main branch of the St. Petersburg Public Library and at Eckerd College. Arcadia Publishing in Charleston, SC, published Hartzell's book, *St. Petersburg: An Oral History*, in June 2002. It went into its second printing in December 2003. His second book, *Remembering St. Petersburg, Florida, Sunshine City Stories*, was just released by History Press in the summer of 2006 and has been followed this October with *Remembering St. Petersburg, Florida, More Sunshine City Stories*. This July, Hartzell was informed that he will be officially named a Fellow of the Florida Studies Program at the University of South Florida St. Petersburg.

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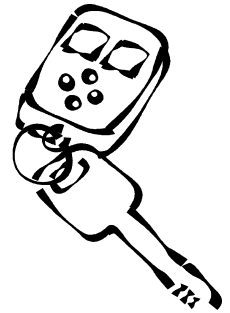
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2. Try a test. The alarm should go off from almost anywhere in the house and will keep honking your car horn until your battery runs down, or until you reset it with the button on the key chain. It should work whether you park your car in the garage or in the driveway.
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THIS MONTHS GARDENING TIPS

by **Dean Hall**, President
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 May 2007

This is one of the best months to enjoy the flowering trees.

Australian silk oak – (Grevillea robusta) Flowers are golden yellow

Dwarf Poinciana – (Daubentonia Punicea) Dark red flowers, small tree

Bottlebrush – (Callestemon rigidus) Light red flowers

Magnolia – (Magnolia grandiflora) Large white flowers

Jerusalem thorn – (Parkinsonia aculeate) Yellow flowers

White bauhinia – (Bauhinia sp) Almost pure white flowers

Fringe Tree – (Chionanthus virginicus) White flowers

Jacaranda – (Jacaranda acutifolia) Purple flowers

CHICH BUGS IN ST. AUGUSTINE

Hot dry weather causes the chinch bug to become more active. It will literally destroy a lawn in only a few weeks. Chinch bugs do serious damage to most varieties of St. Augustine grass. (Other grasses are rarely damaged by chinch bugs.) The damage to St. Augustine grass runners is probably greater from the injection of the salivary juices of the Chinch bug than from the removal of the grass sap by the sucking insect. The insect will not work in the shade of trees or any other shaded areas. Chinch bugs are one fifth of an inch in length as adults, and they have white wings with a black body. The youngest chinch bugs are orange-red and very small. As they grow larger, the red color changes to brown.

CAMELLIA

Most camellia plants have tea scale and need sprayed with cygon. Tea scale is a white growth on the on the under side of the leaf. It looks like a fungus and many people make the mistake of using a fungicide for control but it takes the insecticide mentioned – cygon. Two applications at fifteen day intervals will be needed.

AZALEAS

Check all azaleas for lace bugs. This insect causes a grayish cast to the upper surface of the leaf. Use malathion for control but spray on the under side of the leaf where the insect feeds. Two applications will be necessary at fifteen day intervals.

SUMMER COLOR

There are some summer annuals that will provide a lot of color in beds. One of the best is marigold. It is available in many shapes and only a few colors, mostly yellows and oranges. There are dwarf and tall varieties.

Periwinkles (Vincas) are great for mass color. They require almost no water or fertilizer once planted. Use the dwarf variety.

Gallardia is almost a weed but some of the newer varieties are very colorful. They will reseed but are drought resistant and continue to flower without any care. They will naturalize.

Portulaca thrives in the summer heat. There are numerous new colors and they produce large amounts of flowers in the driest of places in full sun. The plant also makes great hanging baskets.

Q&A

We have a lot of amaryllis around the house and now that they have bloomed we noticed a large ball like growth at the spot where the

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(Continued from page 2) **April 16 Minutes**

Chief Bob Ballou, St. Petersburg Fire Department, spoke about planning for and recovering from a hurricane. He emphasized knowing what your evacuation level is and making a plan on where to go if you are told to evacuate. In addition, he discussed that we all need to plan on what to do after the hurricane hits. We all need to have about a week's worth of food and water for our family. He also urged caution in using a generator and where it is placed. Even if it is placed far from your home, think about your neighbors as the fumes can go into others' homes and injure them or kill them, which has happened. Hurricane season starts June 1.

Mark Simpson, of Florida Inventory Service, discussed the importance of keeping a home inventory before disaster hits, whether from a hurricane, tornado, theft, fire, etc. Insurance companies generally want information about the contents of the home to cover their loss and without proof, it is hard to get the item affected covered or covered for the correct amount. His company prices inventory service based on the size of the home and goes higher if there are special circumstances, like for a collection of items such as art work or antiques. He goes through a 3 step process: videotaping each room and the outside of the home, taking digital photos of rooms and items in the room, and making a written list of the items.

Mr. Simpson then held a raffle to win a fire safe and **Frank Stulic** won.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. It was passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

(Continued from page 2) **March 19 Minutes**

ing. It was passed unanimously. It was moved and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report. It was passed unanimously.

Skip Mitchell discussed the Easter Egg Hunt on April 7, 2007. Volunteers and donations for prizes are needed.

Steve Zachem spoke about the new ordinances regarding the homeless and the CONA meeting and discussion of the homeless issue at that meeting.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. It was passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Household Hints by Wally Guthrie

A Cleaner Dishwasher only 30-Minutes Away?

For a Cleaner Dishwasher, first remove bits of food from the drain. Run the dishwasher without dishes and stop the cycle when the bottom basin is full of water. Add two cups of vinegar to the water, and let sit for 30-minutes to remove hard-water buildup. Scrub the dishwasher walls with a sturdy brush, and then reactivate the washer to finish its cycle.

Brainteaser to Sharpen the Mind

Why are manhole covers round?

Round manhole covers, unlike square ones, can't accidentally fall through their holes (because a square's side is shorter than its diagonal). A square cover can slip into the hole when held vertically and turned 45 degrees -- remember the 3-4-5 right triangle in geometry? Other reasons: round covers can be rolled and thus transported short distances by one person without a dolly; round covers never need to be rotated to fit; and round holes are easier to dig. ***

Golfer: "This is the worst course I've ever played on."
Caddy: "This isn't the golf course. We left that an hour ago."

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Astrological Sign:

Taurus (April 21 - May 20)

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

May 2007

13th Mother's Day
28th Memorials Day



Full Moon	2nd	6:09 a.m.
Last Quarter	10th	12:27 a.m.
New Moon	16th	3:27 p.m.
First Quarter	23rd	5:03 p.m.
Full Moon	31st	9:04 p.m.



Astrological Sign:

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Cancer (June 21-July 20)

June 2007

14th Flag Day
17th Father's Day
21st Summer Begins



Last Quarter	8th	7:43 a.m.
New Moon	14th	11:13 p.m.
First Quarter	22nd	9:15 a.m.
Full Moon	30th	9:49 a.m.



Golfer: "Please stop checking your watch all the time. It's too much of a distraction."

Caddy: "It's not a watch - it's a compass."

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bloom appeared. What is this odd looking thing? It seems to get larger every day.

The knob on top of the stalk where the flower opened is the seed pod. It will turn brown, split open to expose some black, papery thin, seeds. These will grow when planted into new bulbs. It takes seedlings about three years to flower.

We have green pittosporum. Many of the leaves have yellow tips. Is there something we can do to make them green again?

*Pittosporum frequently shows a magnesium deficiency. Apply one forth to one half cup of magnesium sulfate around each plant and water into the soil. In a few weeks the leaves will turn green again. *****

(Continued from page 10) **Homeless**

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Wall Street Journal

<http://www.doe.org/news/pressdetail.cfm?PressID=255&type=current>
Homeless in America, January 18, 2007, by Julia Vitullo-Martin

Can urban street homelessness be ended? The White House argues that the answer is yes -- and is putting over \$4 billion annually into proving it. Philip Mangano, executive director of the White House's U.S. Inter-agency Council on Homelessness, cites impressive declines in street counts since the White House started their big push in 2003: 50% in Philadelphia, 30% in Miami, 28% in San Francisco, 26% in Dallas, 21% in Nashville. New York City has seen a 13% decrease since 2005, the first year in which a citywide street census was taken.

Those who've lived on the streets for more than a year ("the chronics") make up about 10% of the two million or so Americans regarded as homeless. They regularly consume a disproportionate amount of public resources -- sometimes hundreds of thousands of dollars per person. They also often wreak disproportionate havoc on both commercial areas and residential neighborhoods -- inducing compassion fatigue.

Traditional homeless advocates seldom pay attention to the destructive effects some street people had on neighborhoods. That's changing at the insistence of mayors, who fund most homeless services, and corporate leaders. New York's Mayor Michael Bloomberg, calls street homelessness "intolerable" on both humanitarian and economic grounds. Not one to shy from a fight, he gave a speech in July calling on mayors and communities to free themselves from the tyranny of the advocates.

Over the last year the number of street people in Atlanta has declined 8.5%. The plan seems to be working, says A.J. Robinson, executive director of Central Atlanta Progress. "The business community will rally around strong political leadership that offers solutions on this thorny issue."

Atlanta and other cities build on the findings of University of Pennsylv-

vania Prof. Dennis Culhane, who pointed out in the 1990s that a \$12,000 per-year supportive housing unit was far more effective in keeping people off the street than a \$35,000 per-year shelter bed. But the homeless industry remained oriented to the big shelters created in the mid-1980s. Mr. Mangano calls them "old status quo response of ad hoc, uncoordinated, well-intentioned, but ineffective crisis intervention." A bowl of soup and a blanket was thought the best we could do.

Armed with Mr. Culhane's data, Mr. Mangano approached his job zealously. Believing in the political will, partnership and 10-year plans, he traveled the country relentlessly, working with states, counties, cities and the private sector to coordinate systematic approaches. "No one level of government can get the job done alone," he says.

The ideas for the most successful 10-year plans -- revolutionizing the long stagnant field of homeless services -- originated in New York, once the epicenter of street homelessness and now the model to be emulated.

Rosanne Haggerty, executive director of Common Ground Community, which builds and manages supportive housing in Manhattan, say it is right to shift the emphasis from private to public behavior. "We don't ask our lease-holding tenants, any more than any landlord asks, whether a tenant is drinking in his or her apartment. But we're very strict about behavior. If someone behaves badly, we get on it quickly -- figuring out what needs to be changed. We have few rules, but we enforce them vigorously." From the neighborhood's point of view -- and Ms. Haggerty runs buildings in once-notorious Times Square -- it is the public behavior that matters.

Atlanta's Mr. Sibley agrees, "What appeals to us is that once a person

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has a decent place to live, he can get life in order step by step. Each individual still has to take responsibility for [his] own future." Atlanta's model was a New York employment program -- Ready, Willing and Able. www.doe.org George McDonald, founder and former businessman, estimates that "The vast majority of homeless single adults in our program," says Mr. McDonald, "are coming out of prison or jail, don't have an education, and do have substance abuse problems."

Well over half of every cohort of new RWA clients succeed the first time they try to live and work on their own after graduating from the program. In Atlanta, Mr. Sibley says the RWA model has helped 60 formerly chronically homeless people move into housing

and employment, at a savings to the city of about \$1 million.

Mr. Mangano lives with one huge failure: Los Angeles, entangled in bureaucratic wrangling among government agencies, the city has made virtually no progress in ending the encampments of 5,000-plus homeless people on the former Skid Row. The high floors of elegant new downtown skyscrapers look out on block after block of tents, shacks and cardboard, a sight reminiscent of the Great Depression.

"Los Angeles is doing phenomenally well economically," says Mr. Mangano. "While we're doing this for moral, spiritual and human reasons, it's the economic reasons that drive the political will."

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