



# Loxahatchee Groves Newsletter

## Message from Mayor Dave Browning



Mayor Dave Browning

## Town Council Members



Vice Mayor  
Marge Herzog



Councilman  
Dr. Bill Louda



Councilman  
Dennis Lipp



Councilman  
Dave Autrey

Greetings from the Mayor! Does that sound as strange to you as it does to me?! OK...Hey there, it's Dave! First I want to thank all who took part in the vote for incorporation as well as the Town Council. Notice I said all. Everyone who voted, either side, took an active and important part in our formation. Questions and concerns were brought forward and are being addressed.

Most would agree that it's been an adventure. Some want things to happen quicker, but please understand the process is not a 100 yard dash. It's more like the Baja 1000 mile endurance race. So hang on and we'll get there. Good news is there have been no major surprises. For this I commend all those involved in the incorporation effort. They did a great job putting together projected budgets, tax information, and future needs for the town.

We've already established several important inter-local agreements. Loxahatchee Groves Water Control District will get the gas tax money as promised. New Community Strategies has provided us with an excellent management team consisting of Irv Rosenbaum, Town Manager, and Matthew Lippman, Town Clerk. They are doing a fine job and the cost is within budget.

We have code enforcement in place with Calvin Giordano & Associates. Do not panic...it will typically be complaint driven. They will not go out road by road, house by house looking for problems. Your Town

Council is committed to making sure it reflects the legal and historic character of the Groves.

Our garbage pick-up is still under the county contract. We are evaluating the needs of our community, and staff is working on a future contract.

We are currently working on our agreement with the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office for law enforcement. We have been offered a package at roughly 1/2 of our budgeted amount with their commitment that our needs will be met. Some think this will equate to pre-incorporation service. This is not the case. PBSO will be working for the town of Loxahatchee Groves and not just for the county. We have the ability to contract for additional manpower any time we deem necessary and still have the option at a later date to pay the extra \$300,000 and go to the 24 hour/7days a week coverage. Either way, our residents should help by watching out for their neighbors. Get to know them, recognize their vehicles, & look for suspicious activity.

I am very proud of our Town Council, each member with their unique backgrounds, strengths, & personalities that combine to make a great team representing our residents and landowners as well.

Please stay involved, attend meetings, call us with your concerns, and we will continue to serve you the best we can.

*Dave Browning*

## Comprehensive Planning

Our Town is embarking on the most integral part of its short history. The Comprehensive Planning Process will help you shape your Town as the way you want it. This is an explanation of the process we will be undertaking:

Adopted by the Florida Legislature, The Local Government **Comprehensive Planning** & Land Development Regulation Act requires all municipalities to adopt Local Government Comprehensive Plans that guide future growth and development no later than 3 years after the date of incorporation. Comprehensive Plans contain chapters or "elements" that address future land use, housing, transportation, infrastructure, coastal management, conservation, recreation and open space, intergovernmental coordination, and capital improvements.

The **Vision Statement**, which is the beginning part of this process, is a statement that expresses the heart & spirit of the Town. It is a statement that will identify the type of Town you want to create and enhance. It will be used by the residents to accurately describe their Town as a whole and each element of their Comprehensive Plan.

The Comprehensive Plan expresses a Town's vision, its values, and how and where it may grow and develop in the future. Therefore, it is imperative that there is broad **public participation** and that all present and future Town stakeholders take part in the process. Public participation is needed to address four essential questions: Where is the Town now?, How did the Town get here?, Where does the Town want to go?, & What steps does the Town want to take to get there? There will be upcoming information provided as to the schedule of the Comprehensive Plan Process.

## Code Enforcement

The Town has retained the Code Enforcement services of Calvin-Giordano & Associates Inc. Any citizen complaints should be directed to the Town Office at 793-2418. The Town will be addressing Code Enforcement on a complaint basis. The preservation of the Town's character, health, safety, and welfare are the main focus. The Town has adopted the Palm Beach County Code of Ordinances that were in place as of October, 2006. Town Council, along with the input of our citizens, will be working towards adopting Ordinances that will allow the Town to preserve the character and history.

## Solid Waste Service

The Town has contracted with Onyx Waste Service for services from October 2007 through September 2008. Your Solid Waste assessment will not appear on your Property Tax bill this year. You will be receiving a separate bill from the Town for these services. The Town is entering into negotiations to retain a Solid Waste company for the service period of October 2008 through September 2009. The Town's goal is to enter into a contract by December 31 of this year. This will allow the Solid Waste assessment to appear on your Property Tax bill for next year. We will be posting the pick-up schedule for all services once the contract is finalized. For any additional information, you can reach the Solid Waste Authority at 561-697-2700.

## Town Logo Contest

### General Statement:

Our town is very rich with history (over 90 years) and it is important that the logo relate to the town and tell a viewer something about the Town of Loxahatchee Groves. The logo could have a drawing, motto, a logo, etc or all of the above. It needs to have clear simple lines. Please submit on a 8 1/2 x 11 size paper (although it doesn't have to be that actual size) and must include the "Town of Loxahatchee Groves" and "1917" as a part of the logo.

### RULES:

**Purpose:** The purpose of the contest is to select a logo for the Town of Loxahatchee Groves. The selected logo may be used on buildings, entry monuments, signage, Web sites, software media labels, printed matter, hardware, equipment, etc. This list is not all-inclusive; the Town of Loxahatchee Groves reserves the right to utilize the selected logo in any form and for any use it desires now and at any point in the future.

**Guidance:** The logo must be identifiable to the town. The logo must be original work of the submitter, or the submitter must own all copyrights and trademarks pertaining to the submitted logo. The logo must not be exploitive or offensive in terms of race, religion, morality, or culture, nor be offensive in any other manner as judged by the Town of Loxahatchee Groves

**Submission Deadline:** Entries must be submitted to the Town Clerk's Office of Loxahatchee Groves (14579 Southern Blvd., Suite 2) by 5:00 p.m. November 1, 2007

**Participation:** The competition is open to all residents of Loxahatchee Groves. It is open to all designers, both professional and non-professional. Participation must be solely in the private, personal capacity of the submitter, and must not be attributable to any company or corporate entity.

**Prize:** The person(s) who submit the chosen logo shall be formally recognized at a Town of Loxahatchee Groves Council Meeting.

**Submission Format:** Submissions must include all of the following, in order to be considered: Sketches/drawings (either in color or monochromatic) in:

1. High resolution print-ready scalable vector format (such as portable EPS, SVG, or Adobe Illustrator AI); or JPEG or PNG thumbnail
2. Design concept/description
3. Submitter's full name, phone number, and e-mail address

**Copyright Assignment:** The winning designer shall assign ownership in the design to the Town of Loxahatchee Groves. The winning designer shall disclaim any copyrights and/or trademarks and without limitation all other rights related to the design, from the moment of assignment forever into the future.

## Town Management Company

On June 15, 2007, the town retained the services of New Community Strategies Management Company to run the Town Management Office.

NCS is a full-service company serving governments, non profit organizations, community associations and businesses. NCS uses cutting edge strategies to help sustain, improve, reshape, and revitalize communities. **Community** literally comes from the Latin word munus, ("to give amongst each other") Today it refers to public, communal, civic or municipal activity undertaken by a wide range of organizations. NCS is in the business of assisting governments and special districts, non-profit organizations, community associations and businesses in managing, delivering & planning services.

Dr. Irv Rosenbaum, president and founder of New Community Strategies, is the acting Town Manager. NCS' Operations Manager, Matthew Lippman is the acting Town Clerk. They are committed to providing the best level of service and management to the Town, while maintaining the character and lifestyle the community wishes to preserve.

By submitting a logo for entry in the competition, the applicant certifies that he/she



is the person that created the logo and is its rightful owner. The designer also certifies that the logo does not infringe upon any rights of any third party and that it does not violate applicable copyright laws in any way.

**Note:** Designs will not be returned to the designers. The Town of Loxahatchee Groves will not accept responsibility for entries that are lost, delayed, or damaged in any way

The entry form is included as an insert. If you need additional forms, please stop by the Town Office during regular business hours.

# Loxahatchee Groves Resolutions & Ordinances

Listed is a summary of all Resolutions and Ordinances the Town has passed since it's incorporation:

- Ordinance 2007-001:** Granted to FP&L and assigns an electric franchise and provides for monthly payments to the Town
- Ordinance 2007-002:** Provides an additional exemption of \$50,000 for citizens 65 years or older citizens whose household income doesn't exceed \$20,000.
- Ordinance 2007-003:** Provides for the Town to collect a Communications Service Tax (which was previously paid to the County)
- Ordinance 2007-004:** Provides for the Town to collect a Utility Service Tax (which was previously paid to the County)

- Resolution 2007-001:** Granted to the Mayor and Town Council members the authority to sign checks and make deposits
- Resolution 2007-002:** Showed support of the permanent removal of the E-Road, 140th Avenue from the thoroughfare right-of-way identification map.
- Resolution 2007-003:** Showed opposition to the proposed Callery-Judge Grove Development of Regional Impact & related Comp. Plan and Zoning Amendments.
- Resolution 2007-004:** Supported the spending of money in support of the proposed amendment to the PBC Charter that serves a public purpose to the Town.
- Resolution 2007-005:** Approved an inventory list of municipally owned property that is used as Affordable Housing pursuant to Section 166.0451 Florida Statutes.

- Resolution 2007-006:** Requested the removal of the portion of Okeechobee Blvd. located east of Folsom Road to west of E Road from the County's Five-Year Road Program.
- Resolution 2007-007:** Requested that the County establish an Equestrian Park facility within the Town.
- Resolution 2007-008:** Assigned Town Manager authority to sign checks up to \$9,999.99.
- Resolution 2007-009:** Established the area of Okeechobee from "A" Road to 162nd Street North as a designated School Zone.



## Your Local, State, & Federal Elected Officials

- Sheriff: Ric Bradshaw: 561-688-3000
- School Board (District 6): Sandra S. Richmond: 561-434-8000
- Supervisor of Elections: Dr. Arthur Anderson: 561-656-6200
- Cty Commissioner: Jess R. Santamaria (District 6): 561-355-6300
- State Representative: Shelley Vana (District 85): 561-640-6120
- State Senator: Ken Pruitt (District 28): 561-747-1166
- Congressman: Tim Mahoney (District 16): 202-225-5792
- U.S. Senators: Mel Martinez: 407-254-2573 &

Bill Nelson: 850-942-8415

## Manure Workshop

On Tuesday, July 24, the Town held a workshop to address issues and concerns with manure dumping. The workshop featured various speakers including state and local officials and professionals in agricultural industries. There were concerns raised about the mishandling of manure which could possibly lead to the water quality being high in phosphorous and could add undesirable high levels of nutrients to the soil and groundwater. Environmental specialists described the state's system of establishing Best Management Practices or BMP's to lower the impact of agricultural industries on the environment. The BMP program is mainly voluntary as local municipalities write their own Ordinances to comply with agricultural BMP's. There were speakers that indicated that the use of manure is fine in small amounts, but the problems begin when the soil can't absorb any more of it. It's a question of scale. It is considered to be a bona fide use when it is used properly. This is one of the focuses of the Town Council. "Illegal Dumping" is another main focus of the Council. The discussion has been led to regulating the haulers coming in and out of the Groves to prevent this from happening. The Council and Staff are working together to provide the most effective strategy to address these issues.



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Loxahatchee Groves, FL 33470

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## Important Phone Numbers

### Town Office:

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Loxahatchee Groves, FL 33470  
Phone: 561-793-2418  
Fax: 561-793-2420  
thetownofloxahat@bellsouth.net

### Hours of Operation:

Mon-Fri: 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

### All Emergencies

(Police, Fire, & Rescue): 911

### Poison Control Center:

800-282-3171

### Non-Emergency Fire:

616-7000

### Non-Emergency Sheriff:

688-3000

### L.G. Water Control District:

793-884

### SWA (trash disposal):

697-2700

### American Red Cross:

833-7711

### Emergency Management:

712-6400

### Florida Power & Light:

697-8000

### Bell South (telephone):

780-2355

