



# Loxahatchee Groves Newsletter

## Message from Mayor Dave Browning



Mayor Dave Browning

### Town Council Members



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Councilman  
Dennis Lipp



Councilman  
Dave Autrey

Greetings from the Mayor,

It's hard to believe 1 year has passed since incorporation and the election of our Town Council.

First, I want to congratulate Dennis Lipp on his new 3 year Town Council Term. He's doing an excellent job. I also appreciate his service on the Palm Beach County Land Use Advisory Board (new name??). He did a great job coordinating our efforts in getting them to vote in favor of removing 140<sup>th</sup>/E Road from the thoroughfare map.

I am pleased with the cooperation between the Town Council and the Water Control Board in our continuing efforts to obtain more water for Loxahatchee Groves during the coming dry seasons. Our working together benefits all the residents and landowners in the Groves.

I'm also glad to say our Visioning and work on the Comprehensive Plan is moving forward. We're looking forward to plenty of community involvement in the process.

Speaking of community involvement, when 140<sup>th</sup>/E Road comes before the Palm Beach Commission, we want to "pack the house" to show our support for its removal.

Bottom Line? Everyone get ready and get involved!! This year will be the most productive in the history of Loxahatchee Groves.

The residents of Loxahatchee Groves have a great Town Council and a great management team and I am proud to serve with them.

See you at the meetings,

*Dave Browning*

## Solid Waste Services

Starting October 2008 Waste Pro will be the new waste hauler for the Town of Loxahatchee Groves. The great news with the selection of Waste Pro is that the rates will only increase by 7%. You are currently paying \$329.13 and the **new rate** for residential will be **\$354.00/year**. (some of the bids were as high as \$650.00/year.) ONYX will continue the same level of service until their contract expires in September. Waste Pro has an excellent industry reputation and is also servicing other areas in Palm Beach County. Similar to many communities in Palm Beach County, and in order to keep our costs down, we will be going to a limited pick-up of 6 cubic yards of vegetative waste per week. Until that time you should take advantage of our current contract which allows for unlimited vegetative waste.

### 2008 ONYX

## Waste Hauling Assessment

Due to the timing of incorporation the Town was required to bill residents for waste hauling for the current (October 2007/September 2008) contract year. In December the town mailed out invoices for hauling services. In previous years this fee along with the dumping fee was included on your property tax bill. If you have not paid for hauling your prompt attention is appreciated. Second and Final notices will be mailed soon.

## Updating your Contact Information

The Town Clerk's office is keeping the most updated and accurate database of residents. Please be kind enough to contact the office to confirm or update your address & contact information..

# Strategic Visioning & Planning

The Town of Loxahatchee Groves is beginning the **Strategic Visioning & Planning Process**. **Visioning** is a process by which a community defines its' future. Through public involvement, communities identify their purpose, core values and **vision** of the future. The Town will be using the services of Analytica (*a strategic visioning firm headed by Dr. Herb Marlowe*) for this process. This is one of the most important times in the history of this town. Your participation in this process is crucial and the town cannot do it without **YOU!** **Visioning** will bring this community together as people recognize their shared values and purposes, and communicate a shared vision of their community. The **vision** serves to layout what the community should look like physically, socially and environmentally in 5, 10 or 20 years. The **visioning** process creates a sense of ownership in the community. Many communities develop a **vision** at the beginning of the planning process that acts as a guide for the rest of the way.

## VISION

# 2008

**PLAN**  
the **VISION**  
of your **TOWN**

**Attend -- Contribute -- Plan the Future**  
Meetings will be held at Lox-Groves Elementary School

March 22 10:30 AM to 2:30 PM Kick-Off Mtg	April 5 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM Stage 1	April 12 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM Stage 2	April 26 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM Stage 3	June 3 7:00 PM Town Council Meeting Final Document at the LGWCD office
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## Comprehensive Planning

At the conclusion of the Strategic Visioning and Planning Process, the Town will begin work on the town's **Comprehensive Plan**. The town has hired Calvin, Giordano & Associates to conduct the Comprehensive Planning Process. The Comprehensive Plan is the adopted legal rules and maps for each county and municipality that dictates how many people can live on land, how natural emergencies are handled, and how the land may be used. The Comprehensive Plan is formally adopted by the local elected officials as the blueprint for growth, future development, and how your community will improve. The Comprehensive Plan will utilize the Strategic Vision and Plan as the foundation and will drive the planning process. Once the Comprehensive Plan is submitted and approved by the Department of Communities Affairs (D.C.A.), the town will then be addressing land development codes and regulations.

### Building Moratorium

On November 20, 2007, the town adopted Ordinance 2007-007. This ordinance provides for a moratorium on the processing and review of applications for development orders and development permits, and applications for amendments to the Town's Comprehensive Plan within the corporate border of the town. (The town has adopted the Palm Beach County Comprehensive Plan until the town adopts its' own.) It is anticipated that portions of the Town's future Comprehensive Plan will differ from the County's Comprehensive Plan. The continued processing of applications for certain development orders and permits under the County Comprehensive Plan, and amendments to the current Comprehensive Plan, may result in development inconsistent with the Town's ultimately adopted Town Comprehensive Plan. This will provide the proper amount of time for the Town to develop it's own Comprehensive Plan. The moratorium is set to expire November 20, 2008.

### Code Compliance



The Town has uses the Code Compliance services of Calvin-Giordano & Associates Inc.

Any citizen complaints should be directed to the Town Office at 561-793-2418. The Town addresses Code Compliance 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.

### Water Restrictions



On January 15, 2008, S.F.W.M.D. and Palm Beach County imposed the strictest water restrictions they have ever issued. The Phase III Water Restrictions. For property owners that have

**5 acres of LESS** you can water from either 4am to 8am **OR** 4pm to 8pm one day a week (Odd addresses is on Monday and even addresses are on Thursday.) For **5 acres or MORE**, you can water from either 12am to 8am **OR** 4pm to midnight. 8pm one day a week (Odd addresses is on Monday and even addresses are on Thursday.) There are separate restrictions outlined for Agriculture and Plant Nurseries. Log onto [www.loxahatcheegroves.org](http://www.loxahatcheegroves.org) to view the complete Phase III Water restrictions. To reach the Water Conservation Hotline, call 1-800-662-8876. Please do your part and conserve water. **THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT!**



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### Town Website

Please log onto the Town's Official website at [loxahatcheegroves.org](http://loxahatcheegroves.org). Communication to the residents and keeping everyone informed is our primary goal. Some of the highlights that you can find on the website are a complete listing and download for all Resolutions and Ordinances that the town has passed, a calendar that lists all of the meeting dates and important events in the town, a meeting page that has all of the minutes, agenda, and town recordings of all the Council Meetings, Photo Albums spanning from the 1917 beginning of the town all the way through the Holiday Parade of 2007, and much more. Please take the time to visit the website to stay involved. You can also e-mail the Town Clerk office at [clerk@loxahatcheegroves.org](mailto:clerk@loxahatcheegroves.org) for any additional information you may need.

### Congratulations.....

Congratulations to Councilman Dennis Lipp! Dennis had no opposition while seeking re-election for Seat 5. Dennis has been re-elected for a three year term expiring in 2011.



Congratulations also to Catrina Crawford. At the November 6, 2007 Town Council Meeting Catrina's logo entry was selected as the official town logo. Thank you again to all residents that submitted entries and a very special thanks to Catrina for the winning logo.

### Upcoming Issues....

- Some of the upcoming important issues we all are keeping an eye on:
- \* Removal of the E-Road/140th Thoroughfare
  - \* Widening of S.R. 80 (Southern Boulevard)
  - \* Emergency Debris Removal and Monitoring Services
  - \* Preparation of the Budget for the 2008-2009 fiscal year (starts in June)
  - \* Researching all Grant and Funding opportunities for the Town as well as the L.G.W.C.D.

### Important Phone Numbers

#### Town Office:

14579 Southern Blvd, Suite 2  
Loxahatchee Groves, FL 33470  
Phone: 561-793-2418  
Fax: 561-793-2420  
[clerk@loxahatcheegroves.org](mailto:clerk@loxahatcheegroves.org)  
[www.loxahatcheegroves.org](http://www.loxahatcheegroves.org)

#### 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:

793-0884

#### SWA (trash disposal):

697-2700

#### American Red Cross:

833-7711

#### Emergency Management:

712-6400

#### Florida Power & Light:

697-8000

#### Bell South (telephone):

780-2355

