

4. CLEAN AND SAFE MONTHLY REPORT – OCTOBER 2011
(ATTACHMENT - # 4)



Florida's Dynamic
Waterfront Community

CRA Clean and Safe Program Monthly Report for October 2011

The CRA District is divided into five geographic areas that include: **Blue Heron, Broadway, Marina District, Singer Island, and Riviera Beach Heights.**

During the month of October the CRA Officers were dispatched and responded to 101 calls to service.

- **Neimah Spence CRA# 1: 56 calls to service**
- **Charles Cheeseman CRA# 2: 45 calls to service**

Business checks: a total of 65 business and security checks were conducted throughout the CRA District during the month of October.

Blue Heron Corridor: is divided into four subsections Blue Heron North, South, East, and West. Blue Heron Corridor's boundaries are north to south from Silver Beach Road to Blue Heron Boulevard and east to west from Lakeshore Drive to Old Dixie Highway.

- Met with business owners and residents in the Blue Heron Corridor conducted several security check throughout the corridor
- Concentrated in the area of 10 to 200 block of East 27th street to eliminate the high volume of illegal activities in the area by conducting foot patrols in the area several times a day. I met with the residences during my patrols and explained the Clean and Safe Program. There were four calls to service to this area and no arrest made
- On October 17, 2011 I met with Earl Beckley property manager of Southern Court Trailer Park (3301 Broadway) and Oasis Trailer park (3100 Broadway) about overgrown grass and weed visible from Broadway. The following day while conducting patrol in the area I observed the overgrown grass and weed cut and trimmed from the swell way area along the Broadway Corridor

- October 17, 2011 met with Steve Burns the property manager of Ocean Tide Trailer Park and Cook Cottage about overgrown grass and weeds visible from Broadway. On October 20, 2011 while patrolling the area I observed that the overgrown grass and weed were cut and trimmed from the swell area along the Broadway Corridor
- October 20, 2011 I met with property manager Janice Solock the trailer park located at 2825 Broadway (Palm Trailer Park) and advised her of the overgrown grass and weed visible from Broadway. On October 26, 2011 while patrolling the area I observed landscapers cutting back the overgrown grass and weeds from the swell area along the Broadway Corridor
- **NEW BUSINESS** located at 96 E 30th Street **QUICK PICK MART CONVENIENCE STORE**, I met with owner Andre Logan gave him information on the Clean and Safe Program.
- **NEW BUSINESS** located at 2700 Broadway **MCCRAY'S BBQ**, I met with owner Mr. McCray and gave him information on the CRA Clean and Safe Program
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Broadway Corridor: boundaries are north to south from Blue Heron Boulevard to West 11th Street and East to West from Old Dixie Highway to Broadway

- Concentrating in the area of 10 to 100 block of West 20th Street to eliminate individuals trespassing and loitering on empty lots and abandon buildings.
- Concentrating on the 100 to 200 block of West 25th Street to eliminate illegal activity in the area
- Clear vacant lot and homeless camp located behind Walgreen. In conjunction with the Riviera Beach Public Works Department.
- Vacant house located at 125 East 25th boarded up by Code Enforcement.
- Vacant house located at 175 East 25th was vandalized had water running throughout the house. The Water Department shut off the water in the house to prevent further damage
- Vacant property located at 1504 Broadway boarded up by property owner
- Met with Code Enforcement Officer at 1821 Avenue H East in reference to several code violations, Water Department responded out to turn off water, FPL responded out to remove illegal electric meter that was providing electricity to the vacant house

Marina District Corridor: boundaries are from north to south from West 20th Street to West 11th Street and east to west from East 13th Street to Broadway

- Vacant lots located from the 1200 to 1500 block of Broadway were cleared by Riviera Beach Public Works Department. Several homeless camps were also cleared off the property. No trespass signs were posted on the property.
- Several no trespass warnings were issued to individuals trespassing on vacant lots in the area

- Conducted parking enforcement and security at the City Marina and surrounding area, in support of heavy traffic due to construction in the city marina

Singer Island Corridor:

The Clean and Officers in conjunction with Beach Patrol, Traffic Division, and K-9 Units are conducting an aggressive proactive sweep of the Ocean Mall and surrounding areas. The purpose of this effort is to identify, locate and eliminate potential problems that might occur in these areas. This exercise has focused on the following areas:

- Panhandlers and vagrants
- illegal drug activity
- Traffic violations
- Violation of laws and city ordinances
- Individuals trespassing and loitering in the area
- Insure people are not on the public beach after closing
- Open container violation
- Completing Field Contact Cards on all suspicious persons

Conducting these types of exercises throughout the Community Redevelopment Agency District will show the businesses and residents that we are committed to maintaining quality neighborhoods and a safe and crime free community. We know that this can only be achieved through the cooperation of everyone involved.

Riviera Heights Corridor:

- Patrolled the Riviera Beach Heights Corridor met with residents and business owners
- Attended a Realtor Workshop at 865 West 9th Street, met with local business owners and residents to address their concerns in reference to the redevelopment of the Riviera Height Corridor. Some their concerns were individuals hanging out in the Fire House Park possible conducting illegal activities. Children fighting in the area when they get off the school bus and high visible of law enforcement officers in the area
- The Clean and Safe Officers will conduct more security checks throughout the Riviera Beach Height corridor. Extra patrol in the Fire House Park area will be provided. Patrol and standby at bus stops when the school bus arrives.

Total reports generated: 10

Arrests: 4

Citations Issued: 10

CRA Board Meeting at City Hall

I met with John Tracy the property manager for Viking properties in the CRA District. Tracy advised that “No Trespassing Signs” will be posted in the near future on all of Viking’s properties in support of keeping all properties clear of vagrants and homeless individuals trespassing. Tracy could not provide a date when the signs will be posted, however, he stated that he will make contact with the CRA Office when the signs are posted.

As part of the Clean and Safe Education Program, I met with several homeless individuals throughout the CRA District and gave them pamphlets that provided information about the different services provided by Palm Beach County’s Community Services Department.

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DIVISION OF HUMAN SERVICES GOAL

To enter successful partnerships with individuals/families to access resources which result in increased self-esteem, greater economic stability and the highest level of self-sufficiency.

DESCRIPTION

Human Services is a Division within the Community Services Department that assists eligible individuals/families to attain Economic Stability and Self-Sufficiency through Case Management services and provision of Support Services. These services are planned and coordinated through an Individual Service Plan, which lists goals, objectives, services and expected time frames.

AREA OFFICES

North Area Office

North side of Forest Hill Blvd to Martin County Line
1440 Martin L. King Blvd • Riviera Beach, FL 33404
Phone: (561) 845-4644

South Area Office

South side of Forest Hill Blvd to Broward County Line
225 S. Congress Avenue • Delray Beach, FL 33444
Phone: (561) 274-3130

West Area Office

20 Mile Bend west covering Belle Glade/Pahokee/South Bay
38754 State Road 80 • Belle Glade, FL 33430
(561) 996-1630

Referral Address for Assisted Living Facility Program

1150 45th Street • West Palm Beach, FL 33407
Phone: (561) 514-5400

1250 Southwinds Drive • Lantana, FL 33462
Phone: (561) 547-6836

Request for Homeless Services

Homeless Hotline: 1-800-493-5902

Hours of Operation

Offices are open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Applications are taken by appointment.

INTERVENTION

Objective:

To provide services to individuals/families in crisis who need assistance with their electric bill through external funding sources.

Program Intent:

The Intervention Services Program component has been established for the Division to provide this service to eligible individuals/families in Palm Beach County. This service includes administration of **FPL Care To Share Program** and other grant funded services. These funds are generated by voluntary contributions from FPL customers in conjunction with corporate FPL contributions.

Services Provided:

Financial assistance is provided to address the following area:

- Electric

Basic Eligibility Conditions:

Specific eligibility requirements include the following:

- Resides in FPL's service area within Palm Beach County.
- Service Need and exhausted all other available sources for payment.
- Financial Need at or below 150% of the Federal Poverty Level Guidelines (FPLG).
- Must have a delinquent FPL bill, final notice, or disconnection notice for the FPL account.
- Must **NOT** have received a benefit under the **FPL Care To Share Program** within the last twelve months.
- Have a plan in place to maintain additional/future household expenses.

EFSP (Emergency Food & Shelter Program)

When funding is available provides assistance for:

- Rent/Mortgage
- Utilities (Electric/Water/Gas)

EMERGENCY SERVICES PROGRAM

Objective:

To use Case Management and Support Services to prevent homelessness (or continued homelessness), to assist Individuals/families to meet basic needs, and to maintain sanitary living conditions.

Program Intent:

To address the presenting emergency, while at the same time, identify and assess the circumstance that provokes the need for Emergency Services. Case Management services assess the best way to address the presenting emergency in order to provide services to stabilize the crisis.

Services Provided:

Specific services are provided to address the following areas:

- Housing (rent, mortgage assistance)
- Utilities (water, gas, and electric)
- Homelessness
- Hunger (Food Voucher)
- Lack of transportation to access services
- Indigent Cremation

Basic Eligibility Conditions:

Specific eligibility requirements include the following:

- Financial need (up to 110% of FPLG)
- Service need
- Palm Beach County address
- No prior Emergency Service provision by the Division in the previous twelve months.