

The Town received this letter of general interest from our Waste Management, Inc.



January 13, 2014

Dear Valued Customer,

We value our status as your partner in sustainability and remain committed to providing you safe, reliable and environmentally sound recycling services that meet your highest expectations.

As you know, there are many benefits to recycling. However, recycling is only effective when the material collected is usable in the marketplace. Non-recyclable material cannot be used as a resource, potentially damages usable material it comes into contact with and has no commodity value.

Waste Management recently audited our commercial recycling accounts and found many locations are consistently contaminated with solid waste. We ask that you please make a concerted effort to ensure your recycling containers only contain clean recyclables and absolutely no solid waste. The only acceptable recyclables are:

- cardboard
- magazines
- mixed office paper
- junk mail
- phone books
- paper board packaging
- metal cans
- #1/#2 plastics

There are several steps that we can take to ensure that the recyclables are clean:

1. Retrain your employees with WM's assistance
2. Waste Management will relabel our recycling containers if needed
3. Relabel your internal recycling containers within your business
4. Relocate your recycling containers internally to promote cleaner material
5. Ensure your recycling program is customized for your needs

If your recyclables continue to be contaminated after our combined efforts to clean them up, we will be forced to institute a contamination fee. This fee will comprise the loss of anticipated commodity or material value, the significant and unplanned cost to process solid waste, and potential regulatory fine associated with handling solid waste at a recycling facility that is not permitted to process municipal solid waste.

Waste Management encourages customers to recycle as much of their waste as possible and would like to thank you in advance for your assistance in cleaning up your recycling materials. Your business is very important to us and we thank you again for your patronage and continued support in promoting environmental responsibility. If you need support, our Waste Management recycling experts are able to assist you.

If you have any questions please call us at 888-627-1318 or email us at [flsalessupport@wm.com](mailto:flsalessupport@wm.com).

Waste Management

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The primary focus of the community is to protect the residential nature of the Town and to maintain its high quality of life through providing a myriad of services to the citizenry of the Town. The Seaturtle publication, named in honor of our unofficial mascot, is one of those services.

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## PUBLIC SERVICE ADVISORY

Our community has for some time received valuable support from the County's **Sunshine Daily Telephone Reassure**. This program offers a daily phone call to say "Hi" and to check on the wellbeing of participating seniors as well as younger people who are housebound or disabled. If the participant does not answer after several attempts, the Sunshine worker will call the identified Point of Contact or the police, if necessary. For more information, call 2-1-1 or the Sunshine coordinator at 561.383.1117.

Other services the 2-1-1 program provides to those County residents who do not know where to turn when concerned about the wellbeing of themselves, a friend, or a loved one include:

- **Crisis intervention** (211 Helpline) available 24/7.and
- **Distressed elders experiencing difficulties connecting with social service agencies** (Elder Crisis Outreach). 211's Elder Advocates assist Palm Beach County residents who are housebound, disabled and/or over 60 or in linking with agencies that provide: in-home services; food nutrition and meal programs; transportation options; legal aid; Medicare and other insurances; educational opportunities; health care; housing and placement services; caregiver resources, etc.

Under Elder Crisis Outreach, Florida Power and Light and other community partners alert 211's **Project AWARE** (Always Watching for At Risk Elders) regarding seniors they encounter who are overwhelmed/distressed and in need of crisis services and advocacy.

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South Palm Beachers are encouraged to submit constructive comments or informative articles for possible inclusion to [newsletter@southpalmbeach.com](mailto:newsletter@southpalmbeach.com)

## TOWN MANAGER'S NOTE

Seaturtles are coming! Lights out! The Town requires that all lighting to be positioned or shielded so that light is not visible from the beach or water, during the seaturtle nesting season period from March 1<sup>st</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup>, of each year. Glare from light sources (what some call "light pollution") that reflect off buildings may also disorient nesting sea turtles and hatchlings. Glare can be reduced by shields, hoods, baffles, and by use of fixtures that direct light well.

A recent newsletter of one of South Palm Beach's condos had an article written by "Sad Sally Seaturtle." She points out that, "We [seaturtles] survived in part because our love of light allowed the stars and moon to guide us; but today's bright city lights distract us, and if we go toward them, we can get killed." And then, referring to South Palm Beach, she adds, "Thank God, your town has asked home owners to dim their lights."

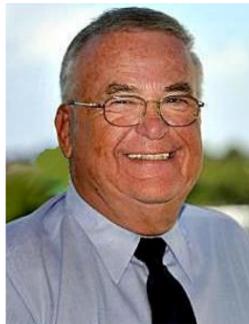
It's important that lights at night be used to keep us safe, but it is also important to keep light properly directed to keep seaturtles and other animals safe as well.

Other ways to protect our seaturtles include refraining from walking on the beach at night during their nesting season, staying clear of marked seaturtle nests on the beach, and not interfering with emerging hatchlings as they attempt to get to the ocean.



Rex Taylor

## MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Dr. Donald Clayman

In the last SEATURTLE, I reported that we were starting "something new" with Bethesda Health - - a series of six lecture on "Living the Healthy Life." The series was highly successful. Attendance at the lectures was very good and the topics (which included such pertinent subjects as "Taking Care of Your Aching Joints" and "Endurance Sports at Any Age") presented by the three doctors provided valuable information. The doctors were well received and the follow up questions by our residents were both relevant and thoughtful.

I want to extend a sincere thanks to the staff of Bethesda Health and to Doctors Piluiko (cardiothoracic surgeon), Stucken (orthopedic surgeon), and Albert (internal medicine specialist) for contributing their time, knowledge, and expertise to help us all learn about "Living the Healthy Life".

Watch for future announcements as we plan to continue this worthwhile Wellness Program next January.

## TOWN POSTING

The Town held a workshop in February to hear a draft Paragon Group presentation on their proposed disposition of the former Palm Beach Hawaiian Inn. At the Council meeting feedback was provided.

The Town has upcoming vacancies on the following boards: Architectural Review, Code Enforcement, Planning, and the Community Affairs Advisory Board (CAAB). Each of these boards has an important function in the Town. Applicants must be Town citizens, but it is not necessary that they be present all year. If you have questions or desire to serve, please contact Ms. Yudy Alvarez, Town Clerk.

## TOWN BOASTING

As in previous years, our Town's seasonal programs were well attended and well received, with the Music Series having walk-ins for each performance. The final Quest for Knowledge will be on April 7<sup>th</sup>.

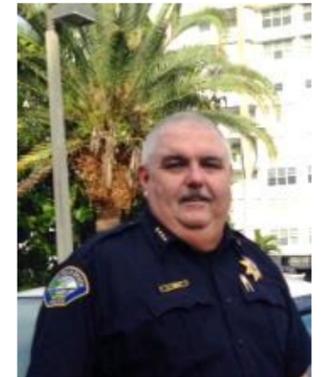
## THE CHIEF'S DISPATCH

Identity theft continues to be a major problem. In fact, it is the fastest growing crime in America, with Florida being the state with the highest rate of identity theft complaints.

You can become prey to an identity theft thief even if you have been careful protecting your personal information (such as date of birth and Social Security Number). Thieves not only make use of your credit card but lately they are even obtaining home equity loans against your home.

If you suspect you might be a victim, the Florida Attorney General recommends you take the following four actions:

1. Report the incident to the fraud department of all three major credit bureaus. They can be reached by calling
  - Transunion at 1.800.888.4213
  - Experian at 1.888.397.3742
  - Equifax at 1.800.685.1111;
2. Contact the fraud department of each of your creditors;
3. Contact your bank or financial institution.
4. File a report with the Police Department.



Police Chief Carl Webb

Brochures containing further information are available in the lobby at town hall.

## ATTENTION HOMEOWNERS AND PROPERTY MANAGERS



Since the last SEATURTLE, the Building Department has revised the list that differentiates between (a) the work that requires a building permit and must be performed by a properly licensed contractor who is town registered and (b) the work that does not require a building permit but must be performed by a properly licensed and town registered contractor, some of which require code compliance. For a copy of the list, please stop by Town Hall between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, or contact Donna Mitchell, Permit Technician, at 561.588.8889.

In addition, throughout the season many remodeling and renovation projects have been performed within the Town, and some ongoing concrete restoration projects are nearing completion. We appreciate the patience and understanding the Town residents have displayed with the associated dust and noise.

Since January 2014, the Building Department has followed up on several Code Violations and is happy to report close to full compliance with the Town's Ordinances.