



# VILLAGES OF Southport

MARCH & APRIL 2010

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*(If you are interested please come to the office with your information.)*

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## NEW ACCOUNTANT

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## NEW BOARD MEMBERS

On behalf of The Villages of Southport, we welcome **Jorge Rodriguez**, and **Frank Fernandez** to the Board of Directors.

We would also like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to **Michael Kern** for his voluntary participation as part of our Board of Directors.

## ARB COMMITTEE

The revised and approved **Architectural Design Review Manual** is ready for our homeowners. A copy is available at the Southport office and on the website: [www.villagesofsouthportorlando.com](http://www.villagesofsouthportorlando.com)




## WHEN TO FERTILIZE

### EARLY SPRING (FEBRUARY TO APRIL)

Lawns wake up hungry from the winter months. A spring feeding strengthens roots and gets lawns off to a good start before the heavy growing season. In most regions, it is wise to apply a combination fertilizer with an emergent to control crabgrass.



## SPECIFIC TIME OF DAY

The time to fertilize your lawn depends on weather conditions, and some fertilizers shouldn't be applied if rain is in the forecast for 24 hours. Others need to be watered in. You should always read the directions on the back of the bag carefully before applying any fertilizer. 

## HOMEOWNER COMPLAINTS

### PLEASE REMEMBER: RULES & REGULATIONS 10. PET REGULATIONS

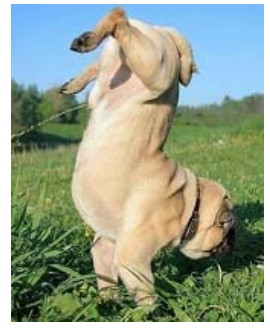
A. All dogs shall be on a leash or carried at all times when they are outside.

B. Owners must at all times clean up their pets.

C. If a pet becomes obnoxious because of barking, mischief or otherwise,

the association has the right to require the owner or resident to remove the pet.

D. Any owner or occupant harboring any pet shall indemnify and hold harmless the association against any loss or liability of any kind arising out of having an animal on the property.





**RESTRICTING DOG URINE BURN DAMAGE IN YOUR LAWN**  
**POTTY ROCK**

Dog urine burns in your lawn look ghastly. It is not always easy to restrict the movement of a dog around your garden and lawns in the hope that they will always 'pee' in the same place, thus reducing the sometimes 50 or so burn marks that your lawn may suffer in any one month. Potty Rock is a new pet product that has been launched which claims to be the ideal solution for your puppies or dog toilet training and to prevent nasty burn patches on your lawn.



Hello,

I hope you can join me at this annual event to benefit the Parramore Kidz Zone (PKZ) program. The PKZ program connects Orlando's most at-risk youth population to positive opportunities, including pre-kindergarten education, healthcare, mentoring, employment, tutoring and constructive activities during out-of-school time.

*Sincerely, Buddy Dyer Mayor*

# BUDDY JAM

## 2010

**SAVE THE DATE**

**4th Annual CityKidz!  
Buddy's Benefit for Children  
Amway Arena  
Friday, March 19, 2010  
6:30 p.m.**

Join Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer for an opening-round NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament viewing party in support of Parramore Kidz Zone.

The fun includes a meet and greet with the Parramore Kidz Zone all-stars, all of the exciting first-round action, a variety of basketball-themed games and activities and your favorite tailgate foods.

Help give kidz an assist. To learn more about the Parramore Kidz Zone or to become a sponsor, log on to [cityoforlando.net/CityKidz](http://cityoforlando.net/CityKidz) or call 407.246.4295.

# NEWSLETTER INPUT DEADLINE

The last day we can send the input for the newsletter corresponding to the months of May and June is **April 16, 2010**. All the suggestions and text should be sent to the Southport office before that day via email: [tvillagesofsou1@cfl.rr.com](mailto:tvillagesofsou1@cfl.rr.com) and should be an attachment in Word.

*El ultimo día para que podamos enviar los textos correspondientes a los meses Mayo-Junio 2010 a la compañía que hace el Newsletter (Boletín de noticias) es el día **Abril 16, 2010** hasta las 12:00 del mediodía. Todas las sugerencias y textos que se deban enviar favor de hacerlo a la oficina de Southport antes de ese día por email: [tvillagesofsou1@cfl.rr.com](mailto:tvillagesofsou1@cfl.rr.com) y escrito en Word.*



<http://www.census.gov/>

## THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

Second Monday monthly,  
7:00PM @  
8740 Wichita Place

## VILLAGES OF SOUTHPORT NEW WEBSITE [WWW.VILLAGESOFSOUTHPORTORLANDO.COM](http://WWW.VILLAGESOFSOUTHPORTORLANDO.COM)

Communication Committee • *Comité de Comunicaciones*  
[voscommunications@gmail.com](mailto:voscommunications@gmail.com)

The Villages of Southport has two information cable channels for our Community. *La Comunidad de Southport dispone para su propia información de dos Canales por cable.*

**98 IN ENGLISH OR 19 EN ESPAÑOL  
AND CHANNEL HBO**



## HOMEOWNERS COMPLAINTS

Please Remember:  
**RULES &  
REGULATIONS**  
**4. NOISE:**

Radios, televisions and other instruments which may create noise should be turned down to a minimum volume between the hours of 10:30 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. All other unnecessary noise, such as bidding good night to a departing guest and slamming car doors between these hours should be avoided.



## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Friend,

One of the goals of our Strengthen Orlando initiative is to partner with local non-profit organizations to provide assistance to people in need in our community. I am proud that our City employees have, once again, supported this effort by donating to area charities through our Workplace Giving Campaign.



Even in difficult economic times, our employees surpassed our goal and contributed \$344,000 to numerous organizations in our community. Our City family members recognize that now is the time when help is needed the most. They were generous in their donations.

I am honored to be Mayor of a City that not only serves the public during work hours, but also makes personal contributions that help others. In addition to our Workplace Giving campaign, employees donate their time for volunteer projects, such as mentoring at schools and youth groups, assisting with youth sports teams and helping at neighborhood cleanups.

Whether you have the opportunity to make a donation or volunteer your time, I strongly encourage you to support our local non-profit organizations. During these challenging times, their services are needed more than ever.

Sincerely,

Buddy Dyer  
Mayor

# FAMILY FUN



## CRAFT PROJECTS

*for empty soda bottles!*

**Sparkle Bottle** – Fill an empty soda bottle  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the way with corn syrup. Add a small handful of metallic confetti and then fill the rest of the bottle with water. Seal the bottle tight. Shake and watch your bottle sparkle.

**Ocean in a Bottle** – Mix together  $\frac{3}{4}$  cup cooking oil and  $\frac{1}{2}$  tbs. blue powdered tempera paint. Let it settle for ten minutes. Using a funnel, pour mixture into 16 ounce

empty soda bottle. (Don't pour in sediment at bottom of bowl!) Using a funnel, pour water into the bottle until it is full. Seal the bottle tight. Slowly tilt the bottle left and right and watch the waves.

## GAMES!

**Amoeba tag** – This game is funniest when played in slow motion. One person is it and has to tag someone else. They link arms and then have to tag someone else. They link arms. Keep going until you have one giant Amoeba. Everybody wins.

I can't come to school today- Players sit in a circle. The first person says, "I can't come to school

today because the dog ate my homework." The next person, "I can't come to school today because the dog ate my homework *and* my bookbag was stolen by a gorilla" The next person adds to the excuse and so on. See how long people can keep remembering and how silly the excuses can get! Everybody wins!

## WEBSITE OF THE MONTH



[HTTP://KIDS.NATIONALGEOGRAPHIC.COM/](http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/)  
This fun site for kids has lots of fun things about animals and our natural world! 

# SAVE THE DATE



ORLANDO MAYOR BUDDY DYER'S

neighborhood & community  
**summit**

*Building on a decade of success and moving our community forward*

**Saturday, April 10, 2010 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

**Marriott Downtown Orlando, 400 W. Livingston Street**

Hosted by Mayor Buddy Dyer, this annual Summit offers a variety of workshops, resources, best practices and networking opportunities for neighborhood, arts & cultural, civic, community and faith-based leaders and volunteers.

Please join Mayor Dyer and other neighborhood and community leaders to learn how together; we can build on a decade of success and move our community forward. I look forward to seeing you at the Summit.

Registration information will be available online, beginning March 1. Workshops, continental breakfast and lunch are included in the registration fee. Register by March 26 and save!

**For more information, call 407.246.2169, or visit [cityoforlando.net](http://cityoforlando.net)**



## IRS TAX TIP 2010-17

### DO I HAVE TO FILE A TAX RETURN?

You must file a tax return if your income is above a certain level. The amount varies depending on filing status, age and the type of income you receive.

Check the Individuals section of [IRS.gov](http://IRS.gov) or consult the instructions for Form 1040, 1040A, or 1040EZ for specific details that may affect your need to file a tax return with the IRS this year.

Even if you don't have to file, here are eight reasons why you may want to file:

**1. Federal Income Tax Withheld**

— If you are not required to file, you should file to get money back if Federal Income Tax was withheld from your pay, you made estimated tax payments, or had a prior year overpayment applied to this year's tax.

**2. Making Work Pay Credit**

— You may be able to take this credit if you have earned income from work. The maximum credit for a married couple filing a joint return is \$800 and \$400 for other taxpayers.

**3. Government Retiree Credit**

— You may be eligible for this credit if you received a government pension or annuity payment in 2009. However, the amount of this credit reduces any making work pay credit you receive.

**4. Earned Income Tax Credit**

— You may qualify for EITC if you

worked, but did not earn a lot of money. EITC is a refundable tax credit, which means you could qualify for a tax refund.

**5. Additional Child Tax Credit**

— This credit may be available to you if you have at least one qualifying child and you did not get the full amount of the Child Tax Credit.

**6. Refundable American Opportunity Credit**

— This education tax credit is available for 2009 and 2010. The maximum credit per student is \$2,500 and the first four years of postsecondary education qualify.

**7. First-Time Homebuyer Credit**

— The credit is a maximum of \$8,000 or \$4,000 if your filing status is married filing separately. The credit applies to homes bought anytime in 2009 and on or before April 30, 2010. However, you have until on or before June 30, 2010, if you entered into a written binding contract before May 1, 2010. If you bought a home after November 6, 2009, you may be able to qualify and claim the credit even if you already owned a home. In this case, the maximum credit for long-time residents is \$6,500, or \$3,250 if your filing status is married filing separately.

**8. Health Coverage Tax Credit**

— Certain individuals, who are receiving Trade Adjustment Assistance, Reemployment Trade Adjustment Assistance, or pension benefit payments from the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, may be eligible for a Health Coverage Tax Credit worth 80 percent of monthly health insurance premiums when you file your 2009 tax return.

For more information about filing requirements and your eligibility to receive tax credits, visit [IRS.gov](http://IRS.gov).

## IRS TAX TIP 2010-31 SEVEN FACTS ABOUT SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS

If you received Social Security benefits in 2009, you need to know whether or not these benefits are taxable. Here are seven facts the Internal Revenue Service wants you to know about Social Security benefits so you can determine whether or not they are taxable to you.

1. How much – if any – of your Social Security benefits are taxable depends on your total income and marital status.

2. Generally, if Social Security benefits were your only income for 2009, your benefits are not taxable and you probably do not need to file a federal income tax return.

3. If you received income from other sources, your benefits will not be taxed unless your modified adjusted gross income is more than the base amount for your filing status.

4. Your taxable benefits and modified adjusted gross income are figured on a worksheet in the Form 1040A or Form 1040 Instruction booklet.


5. You can do the following quick computation to determine whether some of your benefits may be taxable:

- First, add one-half of the total Social Security benefits you received to all your other income, including any tax exempt interest and other exclusions from income.

- Then, compare this total to the base amount for your filing status. If the total is more than your base amount, some of your benefits may be taxable.

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## TAX TIPS CONTINUED

6. The 2009 base amounts are:
- \$32,000 for married couples filing jointly.
  - \$25,000 for single, head of household, qualifying widow/widower with a dependent child, or married individuals filing separately who did not live with their spouses at any time during the year.
  - \$0 for married persons filing separately who lived together during the year.
7. For additional information on the taxability of Social Security benefits, see IRS Publication 915, Social Security and Equivalent Railroad Retirement Benefits. Publication 915 is available at IRS.gov or by calling 800-TAX-FORM (800-829-3676). 


### DALIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS MARCH 14.

*Before retiring Saturday, March 13 remember to spring your clocks forward one hour. This is also a great time to put fresh batteries in your smoke detectors.*

## IT'S THE LAW

### ENHANCED PENALTIES, EFFECTIVE 10/01/09

318.18(5) (c): An additional \$65 penalty is added to passing a stopped school bus, racing on the highway and reckless driving. The additional revenue is to be distributed to the Department of Health for trauma centers.

322.0261(3): Drivers who are convicted of running a red light, passing a stopped school bus, racing on the highway or reckless driving are required to take a driver improvement course upon a first offense. 

## INFORMATION BULLETIN 2010 CENSUS TO BEGIN

The first phase of the 2010 U.S. Census is underway and the Better Business Bureau [BBB] has provided some advice for all citizens to contemplate. Eventually the Census Bureau will count every person in the U.S. The bureau will collect such data on persons living at each address such as name, age, race, gender, etc. This may in the form of mailings and/or personal contact by persons employed by the bureau to conduct the count.

**How does one tell the difference between a census worker and a con artist?** Census workers will have a laminated badge, a handheld device, a Census Bureau canvas bag and a confidentiality notice on their person. Census workers are currently only knocking on doors to VERIFY information.

#### DO NOT:


Give social security numbers, credit card or banking information to anyone claiming to be a census worker, even if they claim to need it for the Census! You are NOT required to answer anything concerning your financial situation! Anyone who asks for the aforementioned information is NOT with the Census Bureau!

Anyone asking for donations is NOT WITH THE Census Bureau.

The Census Bureau may follow-up information collection by making telephone calls, mailings or in person. The Census Bureau WILL NOT contact anyone via e-mail! Never open or respond to any e-mail message or attachment

which is supposedly from the Census Bureau!


Remember, no matter what maybe asked you only need to provide the number of persons living at your address.

The local office contact number for the 2010 Census is 407-473-6108. When 'after hours' operation begin 407-473-6132 or 6134 may be used. After hours operations may be as late at 2100 hours, but NOT beyond. 

## DID YOU KNOW?

Throwing 1 or 2 tennis balls in the dryer will help fluff up jeans, towels and comforters, and speed up drying time. This will also save the cost of buying dryer sheets and prevent plastic residue from collecting on your clothes.

Try it out...

I switched 6 months ago and saw the difference it makes on my laundry. 



## COUNTING BLESSINGS INSTEAD OF SHEEP COULD HELP YOU GET A BETTER NIGHT'S SLEEP?

Researchers found that participants who wrote a list of up to 5 things they were grateful for each day were not only happier and more satisfied with life, but also got more sleep and felt more refreshed upon waking each morning than people who didn't.

(Source: Journal of Personality and Social Psychology)

## THE HISTORY OF ST. PATRICK'S DAY - ALL THINGS IRISH QUIZ

1) Some areas in Ireland are known to receive this many inches of rain each year, which accounts for the brilliantly green grass that has earned Ireland the nickname the "emerald isle":

- Sixty inches
- Seventy inches
- Eighty inches
- Ninety inches

2) "Erin Go Bragh," a phrase heard often on St. Patrick's Day, means:

- I Love Ireland
- Ireland Forever
- Brave and Free
- Ireland, My Home

3) Irish tradition says that anyone who kisses the blarney stone, which is located near this town, will be blessed with the Irish "gift of gab":

- Dublin
- Wexford
- Cork
- Waterford

4) This Nobel Prize-winning Irish poet and playwright was also a senator of the Irish Free State from 1922 to 1928:

- George Bernard Shaw
- James Joyce
- Jonathan Swift
- William Butler Yeats

5) This film, shot in Ireland in 1952, was directed by John Ford:

- Ryan's Daughter
- The Quiet Man

• The Dead  
 • The Informer  
 6) Traditional Irish music has found an international audience with the popularity of such Celtic bands as:

- The Chieftains
- The Lads
- Shannon Rovers
- Sweet Honey in the Rock

7) Today, the prime minister of the Republic of Ireland is:

- Frank McCourt
- Ian Dunkirk
- Brian Cowen
- Gerry Adams

8) In November 1995, the people of Ireland narrowly passed a referendum legalizing:

- Same-sex marriages
- Abortion
- Divorce
- Marijuana

9) With 27,136 square miles of land, the Republic of Ireland is approximately half the size of this U.S. state:

- Montana
- California
- Louisiana
- Arkansas

10) Today, this number of Americans trace their ancestry back to Ireland:

- Ten million
- Twenty-five million
- Forty million

Answers:  
 1) Eighty inches  
 2) Ireland Forever  
 3) Cork  
 4) William Butler Yeats  
 5) The Informer  
 6) Shannon Rovers  
 7) Ian Dunkirk  
 8) Divorce  
 9) Montana  
 10) Twenty-five million

## OFFICER EDGAR MALAVE ORLANDO POLICE DEPARTMENT

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*"Keeping Orlando a safe city by  
 reducing crime and maintaining  
 livable neighborhoods"*

POLICE \* FIRE \* AMBULANCE -  
 DIAL 911

**Non-emergency phone #  
 (321)235-5300**

Citizens for Neighborhood Watch  
 (407)246-2461

Crimeline/Illegal Gun Bounty  
 (407)423-8477

Drug Hotline (407)246-2725  
 Solid Waste (garbage pickup  
 only) (407)246-2314

Graffiti Hotline (407)254-4723  
 Code Enforcement (407)246-4444

Traffic Hotline (407)246-2906  
 USMC — Improvise, Adapt,  
 Overcome

## ORLANDO FIRE DEPARTMENT

Station 13  
 3465 5th St

Orlando, FL 32827  
 (407) 240-7432

Contact Information  
 Fire Safety Management/Fire  
 Inspectors  
 407-246-2386

Division of Public Relations  
 407-246-3128

Records Department  
 407-246-2166 or 407-246-2033  
 Training Division  
 407-246-2786


Emergency Medical Services  
 Division  
 407-246-2135

Fire Chief Offices/Administration  
 407-246-2390

Deputy Chief's Office  
 407-246-2392

## SOUTHPORT HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION

This community has a MANDATORY HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION (HOA) and what that means is that every month the Homeowner pays into the Association dues the amount of \$100.44.

There is a 10 day grace period, after which a late fee of \$10.00 is charged. If no payments are received for 90 days, your account will be turned over to our attorney (no exceptions) for collection — this could lead to a foreclosure of your home. Once the account is in the attorney's hands, the HOA has no further involvement. 

## VILLAGES OF SOUTHPORT

8740 WICHITA PLACE

ORLANDO, FL 32827

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

### PET WASTE TRANSMITS DISEASE

LEASH AND CLEAN  
UP AFTER  
YOUR PET



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THIS AREA  
CLEAN

DOGPHOT INC. 800.341.7181

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TO REPORT ANY ANIMAL  
VIOLATION, CALL  
407-836-3111  
THANK YOU.**



## ACTIVITY CENTER AND TEEN ACTIVITY CENTER RENTAL

THE ACTIVITY CENTER in 8740 Wichita Pl.

THE TEEN ACTIVITY CENTER in 8760 Wichita Pl.

-Rent only to Homeowners.-

\$25.00 per hour. 9:00am to 11:30pm, Closed and Clean.

ACTIVITY PARKING IS IN BACK OF THIS BUILDING.

EL CENTRO DE ACTIVIDADES en el 8740 de Wichita Pl.

EL TEEN ACTIVITY CENTER en el 8760 Wichita Pl.

-Solo se renta a los dueños de casa.-

\$25.00 por hora de 9:00am a 11:30pm cerrado y limpio.

EL PARKING durante la actividad se hará en la PARTE DE ATRÁS DE  
LOS CENTROS

### Facilities:

- You must be up to date on you HOA payment in order to rent the facilities.
- As of 3/25/09 cleaning deposit will be a money order of \$100.00, which will be returned if the Centers are returned in clean condition.
- Only Homeowners will be allowed to rent the facilities.
- If we find that you rented the location for a person outside the community you will be restricted from using the Activity Center or Teen Activity Center for the year.
- If you are a renter or lessee you must have all your paperwork in order with the Southport office and the homeowner must do all the rental process under the homeowner's name.

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