

The Pineapple Press

Serving the residents of Historic El Cid

April 2023

A note from our presidents:

Greetings and welcome to The Pineapple Press, a newsletter focusing on the historic 103-year old El Cid neighborhood within the City of West Palm Beach. El Cid was the first area of the mainland created as the resort island of Palm Beach was being developed by Henry Flagler. A registered historic neighborhood of single family homes along the Intracoastal Waterway, El Cid is within walking and biking distance of shops, restaurants, schools and office buildings in downtown West Palm, making it emblematic of the sought-after South Florida lifestyle. Many of the homes in El Cid were built in the 1920s and have been lovingly restored by their owners. Access to the water and the neighborhood's tree-lined streets make it a highly desirable location.

The purpose of The Pineapple Press, which is produced by the El Cid Historic Neighborhood Association, is to keep residents and those interested in the area informed of local and regional issues. We welcome your readership and your feedback!

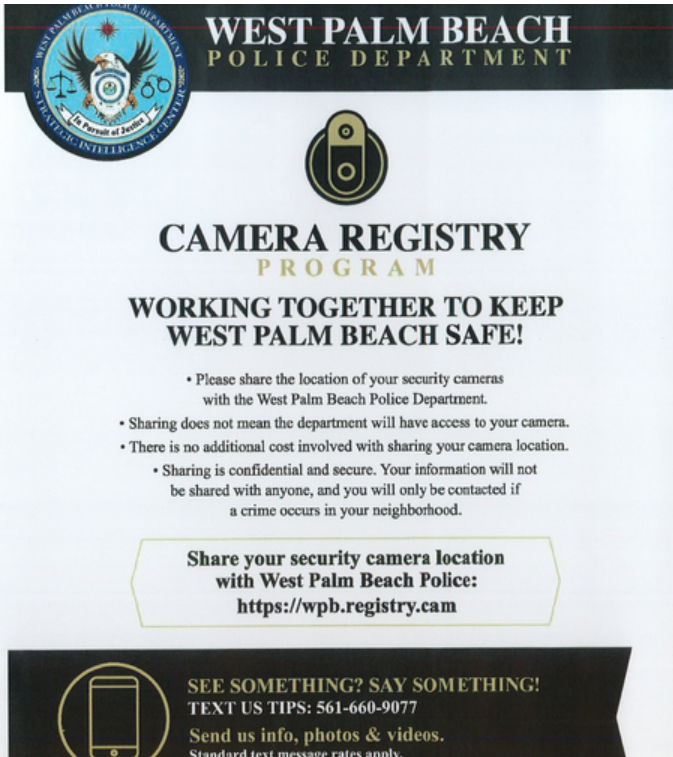
-Karen Steele and Jon Low



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Commercial Development Updates:

With the growth of the City of WPB and the interest in the El Cid community as a beautiful and convenient place to live, the neighborhood also has experienced increased commercial development along South Dixie Highway, as well as high rise residential development just north of the neighborhood on South Flagler Drive. The El Cid Association welcomes responsible development, which can improve services and opportunities for our residents and for the growing city of West Palm Beach. A number of real estate developers have reached out to El Cid Historic Neighborhood Association board members to discuss how construction can be designed in a mutually beneficial manner. The neighborhood does continue to be concerned about proposed plans to develop the former Carefree Theater site, as it intrudes into El Cid and is out of scale with the single family, historic homes of the neighborhood. The current application includes two massive buildings on substantially less than half of the required acreage, six movies theaters holding 600 seats, apartments, two restaurants and extensive retail. In addition to traffic congestion and inadequate parking, the project, as proposed, poses serious air, noise and water pollution threats as well as safety concerns for the many families with young children who have moved into the neighborhood over the past few years. The Association and Board are actively monitoring the situation and are in contact with members of the City Commission, the Planning Board and the City administration. We will provide more details as we receive them but encourage interested neighbors to get in touch.



Safety + Security:

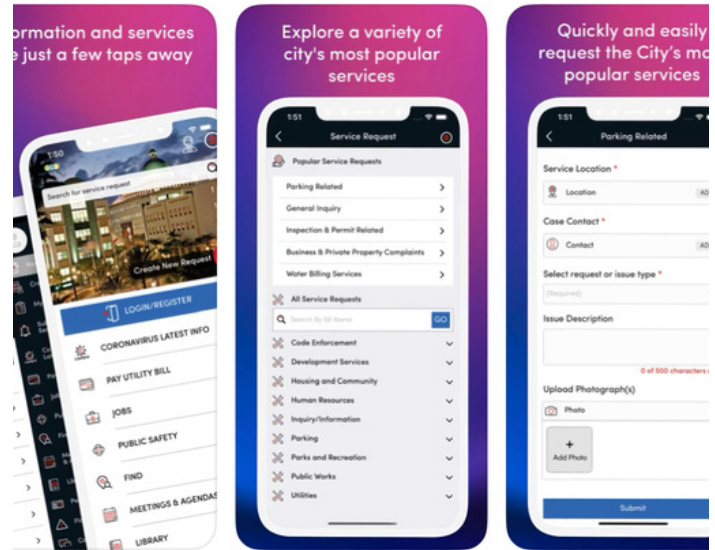
Updates from Officer Seth Buxton:

- The next police chief meeting is 4/19/2023 at 6pm at the Cox Science Center STEM building at 4800 Dreher Trail North.
- Camera registry program: Share your location with with the WPB Police to keep our neighborhood safe by going to <https://wpb.registry.cam>
- There's been an uptick in vehicle thefts in the south end of the city where fobs are being left in cars. Practice T.L.C.:
- Take out valuables
Lock vehicle
Call to report

Download the App: WPB Key

The city of WPB created a smartphone app called WPBKey. This app provides a platform for residents of West Palm Beach to actively engage with the city to maintain a cleaner and safer neighborhood.

Users can report issues to Code Enforcement, Parking Administration, Public Works...etc. Users can also attach photos with their Submission. WPB Key services provides you a service request number to track the service or issue you have identified.



Update on Residential Permit Parking:

Thanks to everyone who completed the El Cid Parking Survey conducted by the City of WPB (Feb 14-17). We had over 150 participants. The survey results show 74% support a "by permit only" parking program in our neighborhood. As the next step, the city of WPB has hired an outside consulting group to conduct a "parking study". According to the city, the results of the parking study will help determine how many parking spots are marked on each street and how many permits per household. The city of WPB said they will circle back to us with the results of the parking study mid to late April. All other details, including cost of the program and enforcement, are still to be determined.



Tarpon Cove Updates:

Tarpon Cove is a 46-acre collection of islands built over a former dredge hole located on the west side of the Lake Worth Lagoon adjacent to our neighborhood. Over the years, muck sediment accumulated in the hole resulting in degraded water quality and depleted estuarine habitat. By filling in the hole and capping the muck with clean sand, islands have been created and contoured at elevations optimal for seagrass, tidal sand flat, mangrove, salt marsh, and oyster habitats that support fisheries, birds, oysters, manatees, and sea turtles. In 2022, staff observed successful nesting of American Oystercatchers, Least Terns, and Black Skimmers at Tarpon Cove.

To help keep the 1.6 acres of nesting habitat free of vegetation and trash, you can volunteer at the upcoming "Weeding for the Birds and Trash Clean up" event:

- **April 13th 8-11:** meeting at Monceaux Park at 8am

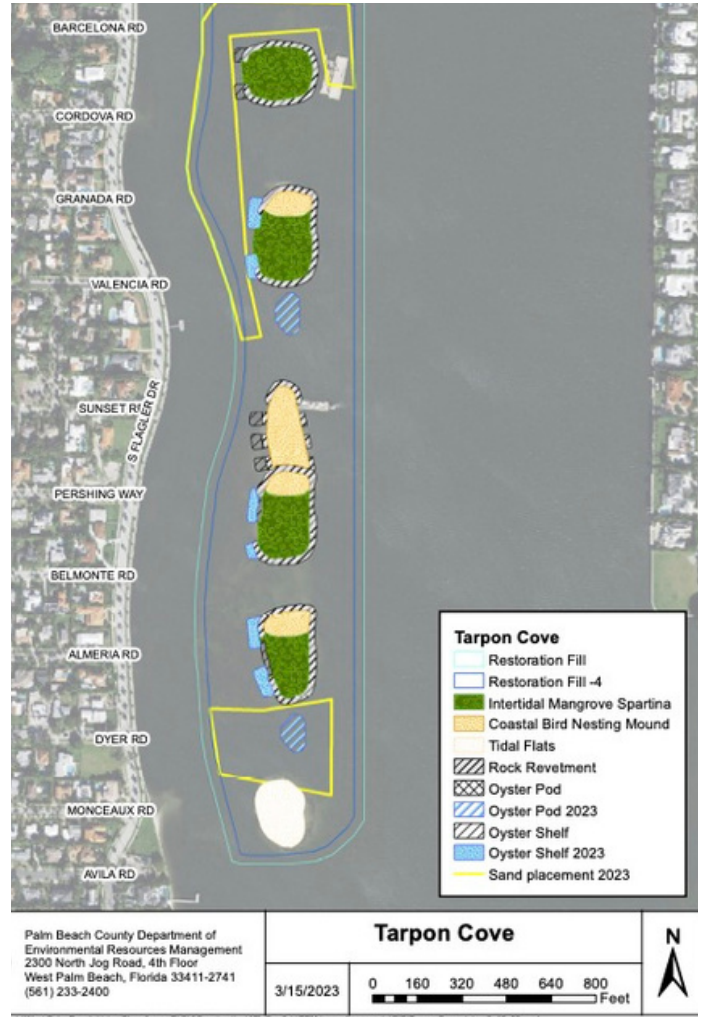
Interested in participating or want to learn more please contact: Eric Anderson, at 561-233-2514 or eanderson1@pbcgov.org



Neighborhood Beautification:

Thank you to Doug Taylor for donating the lovely Hurricane Palms that grace our neighborhood. Doug also supplied all the plantings along the Belvedere Corridor entrance. Thank you Doug for your kindness & generosity.

The Belvedere Corridor monument is in the process of completion & should be installed in the next two to three months.



Social Updates:



The Social Committee is working on putting together a golfing event for interested families at the new public golf course, The Park, in West Palm Beach that opens on April 17th. The course features a world class facility and restaurant for all to enjoy. We look forward to any feedback or assistance in putting this event together.



Reminder: 2023 Association Membership

Your membership and involvement in the El Cid Association is increasingly important as the business, residential, educational, and cultural activities in the South End of West Palm Beach continue to grow at a rapid rate – and clearly have had both a positive and negative impact on our community. Managing that growth is critical and the Association Board works tirelessly to preserve the character of our neighborhood and the security and safety of our families. Please join us in our efforts to protect this beautiful community that we call home.

-The Board of the El Cid Historic Neighborhood Association

<p>HISTORIC</p>   <p>FOUNDED 1920</p>	<p>EL CID NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION ANNUAL DUES/MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - 2023 P.O. Box 414, West Palm Beach, FL 33402</p>
<p>NAME: _____</p> <p>ADDRESS: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>E-mail: _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Please check here to include my email in the El Cid Directory</p> <p>TELEPHONE: (____) _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Please check here to include the above phone # in the El Cid Directory</p>	<p>ANNUAL INVESTMENT LEVELS</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> \$100 Household Membership</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> \$100 Business Associate Membership</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> \$_____ Donation to the Association</p> <hr/> <p>Make check payable to: El Cid Historic Neighborhood Assoc., Inc. Your payment may be tax deductible. Please check IRS guidelines.</p> <p>I am interested in volunteering from time to time in the following areas.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Historic Preservation</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Special Events</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance & Zoning Issues</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Public Relations (El Cid Communications)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Neighborhood Beautification</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Block Captain Team</p>

Have a local business?

1. El Cid neighbors are patrons of local businesses.
2. Becoming an El Cid member provides ad space in the El Cid directory, mention on the El Cid website and an opportunity to participate in neighborhood events.
3. El Cid membership connects businesses to the El Cid community and offers marketing opportunities to interested businesses.

How can I pay my dues?

If you prefer to pay by check, you may send it to El Cid Historic Neighborhood Assn.

PO Box 414
 West Palm Beach, FL 33402

You may also pay using Venmo: @ElCidHistoric

Be sure to include a description of what your payment is for in the payment notes.

Please visit our newly updated website for more information: <https://www.elcidhistoric.org/join/>



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<https://discover.pbcgov.org/publicaffairs/Pages/Count-e-News.aspx>

Update on Board Nominations:

Our purpose is to sponsor and support activities to educate residents, government officials, and other organizations on public issues related to our community. We welcome anyone who is interested in serving on the Board of Directors and ask that you consider giving your community the benefit of your talents and time.

Interested? Please reach out to our board member, Meg Coffey and visit our website to learn more:
<https://www.elcidhistoric.org/board-nominations/>

Code Enforcement Q + A:

Question: Whose responsibility is picking up and discarding yard clippings, the landscaper or the resident?

Answer: landscapers are responsible to haul away the yard debris.

The relevant section is Chapter 74 Article 1 Section 74-4 c.6:

- “Privately employed tree trimmers, tree surgeons, landscape contractors and operators of tree, shrubbery and lawn maintenance services shall remove and dispose of all waste from the premises upon which they are working by hauling all waste to a landfill facility or a transfer station for disposal. Yard and garden waste include, but is not limited to, limbs, tree trunks, roots, shrubbery and grass clippings and other debris emanating from their work.”

For more details on this code, click the link below.

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