

The Pineapple Press

Serving the residents of Historic El Cid

Spring 2024

A note from our presidents...

Dear Neighbors,



We hope this message finds you well and enjoying the last days of Spring! It is with great pleasure that we write to inform you of your new board and update you on developments taking place within our community. As we embrace the warmth and energy that comes with the summer season, we are delighted to announce a series of upcoming projects and initiatives aimed at enhancing our neighborhood. Socially, On April 13th, we hosted neighbors for coffee and doughnuts on Flagler during the RUNfortheCOPS5k. We had 25 neighbors come down to show their support. Monthly yoga has been a hit on Flagler, next session is June 6th. End of the month Pizza Night, stay tuned for more details!

As of today, the Carefree and 319 Belvedere will be heard at the June 18th city planning board meeting. This date could change if the developer asks for a continuance. The Frisbie Group will be presenting their latest plans for 319 Belvedere to our neighborhood on **Tuesday, May 21st, at 6 p.m. at The Armory Arts Center located at 811 Park Pl, West Palm Beach, FL 33401**. The proposed plans are hyperlinked below with the same intensity and same density, so we have the same concerns. It is more important than ever to voice your concerns because the Frisbie Group informed us that they will also be seeking a zoning change to Residential Planned Development, which would allow them to build even more densely if granted.

We NEED YOUR INVOLVEMENT so these properties can be developed with the input and feedback of our residents, ensuring that they align with our collective vision for a vibrant and thriving community. We invite you to stay tuned for more detailed updates and information regarding these projects in the coming weeks.

-Mackey Reed Shaw and Meg Coffey





Annual Meeting Recap

Thank you to those that attended the annual El Cid Historic Neighborhood Association Meeting on March 6th. We had a full house and a lot of helpful and important information was circulated.

We would like to recognize and thank the following board members for their years of service: Karen Steele, Jon Low, Nhu McClary, James Schink, Lee Pollock and Loren Klein.



Please welcome your 2024 executive board:

Mackey Reed Shaw



Co-President

Meg Coffey



Co-President

Celia Terenzio



Vice President

Catharine Strickler



Secretary

DJ Belock



Treasurer

Please welcome your 2024 board directors:

Jeanne Hudlett



Valencia Road

Lauren Lahatte



Pershing Way

Christina Macfarland



Barcelona Road

Meredith Sullivan



Flamingo Drive

Jessica Cunningham



Aravale Way

Rebekah Alfond



Cordova Road



Questions? Please email your board! board@elcidhistoric.org




WPB Named a 2023 Tree City USA®

The City of West Palm Beach proudly announces its recognition as a 2023 Tree City USA by the **Arbor Day Foundation**, in honor of its dedication to effective urban forest management.

The prestigious Tree City USA designation is awarded to communities that demonstrate exemplary commitment to maintaining and enhancing their urban tree canopy. West Palm Beach achieved this recognition by meeting the program's rigorous requirements, including maintaining a tree board or department, implementing a tree care ordinance, allocating an annual community forestry budget of at least \$2 per capita, and hosting an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.



Social Updates



PLEASE JOIN YOUR
NEIGHBORS FOR A
WATERSIDE

Yoga Class

LED BY DANIELA
VELEZ

Thursday, June 6th

MONCEAUX PARK
2994 S FLAGLER DR

FOR QUESTIONS PLEASE
CONTACT JEANNE HUDLETT
561-289-0405

THE CLASS WILL BE AN ALL LEVELS
VINYASA FLOW

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN YOGA MAT &
WATER

SUGGESTED DONATION \$10

Update on the WPB Circuit

The City of WPB has heard our comments that emphasized the disadvantages that make Olive less desirable for public transit. They released a memorandum that revisits Sam Schwartz' conceptual transit recommendations for the City of WPB, including the North-South, East-West, and Downtown services. It also inventories and responds to the stakeholder and public comments received by the City between October 2023 and February 2024. Please see the Spring 2024 NS Routing Concept and full analysis hyperlinked below.



Safety + Security

- **Camera registry program:** Share your location with the WPB Police to keep our neighborhood safe by going to <https://wpb.registry.cam>
- **Car theft:** remember to lock your doors, don't leave any valuables inside, etc.
- Reminder: WPBPD non-emergency number, 561-822-1900. If you observe a crime in progress, please call 911.
- Stay alert and stay safe this season and remember,
See Something, Say Something!



PROTECT OUR NEIGHBORHOODS STOP THE CAREFREE

Carefree development project scheduled for the West Palm Beach Planning Board meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 18th.

This project poses a significant threat to the quality of life in our community, and we need a strong community presence to show city leaders we won't back down!



Here's how you can make a difference:

Attend: the June 18th planning board meeting and please consider speaking against this project. If you haven't already, make your voice heard!

Sign the Petition: Add your name and tell us why you oppose the Carefree.

Write a letter: Please send your email or letter to StopTheCarefree@gmail.com, and we'll ensure it's submitted on your behalf.

Download plans



Sign the petition



Write a letter



June 18th at 6pm at City Hall | 401 Clematis Street

El Cid Home Tour

We are bringing back the El Cid Home Tour in the Spring of 2025! If you are interested in having your home on the tour or volunteering to help put the home tour on, please reach out to board@elcidhistoric.org



Interested in joining a committee?

If you are interested in volunteering your time for a specific committee this year, here is a list of those committees and who will be leading each one:

- **Membership and Block Captains**
 - Lauren Lahatte + Meg Coffey
- **Communications**
 - Catharine Strickler + Lauren Lahatte
- **Social**
 - Meredith Sullivan + Christina Macfarland
- **El Cid Home Tour**
 - Jessica Cunningham + Catharine Strickler
- **Development Watch**
 - DJ Belock + Celia Terenzio
- **Neighborhood Safety + Beautification**
 - Jeanne Hudlett + Jessica Cunningham
- **Parking**
 - Mackey Reed Shaw + DJ Belock

Hurricane Readiness Guide

The Atlantic hurricane season runs from June 1 through November 30. Follow these links to learn how to keep yourself and your loved ones safe.

- [Yard debris](#): you should keep your trees and shrubs in good trim now, since no green waste piles can be left out when a storm approaches. Keeping the streets clean of debris during the rainy season but especially during a storm is very important as the debris flows into the drains and causes Flagler to flood. Please remind your gardeners to remove the clippings and yard waste, even on Monday night, before the City picks up on Tuesday.
- [Vegetation Amnesty Days](#): May 6th - May 17th. During this period, residents are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to dispose of vegetative waste at no extra cost as the service charge will be waived. Residents can place an unlimited amount of vegetative waste curbside for pickup on their regularly scheduled yard waste pickup day. This includes grass clippings, leaves, trees, and shrubbery cuttings or trimmings, as well as broken or cut tree limbs and logs.
- [Know your Evacuation Zone](#)
- [Gather Supplies](#): Have enough food, water, and other supplies for every member of your family to last at least 72 hours.
- [Make an Emergency Plan](#): Make sure everyone in your household understands your hurricane plan.
- [Stay Informed](#): Know where to go for trusted sources of information during a hurricane event.
- [Special Needs Shelters](#): You must register with PBC in advance. Please call (561) 712-6400.

Neighborhood Beautification

Doug Taylor has graciously offered to continue organizing and helping to fund the palm tree planting program in our neighborhood. If you are interested in having a palm tree planted in your swale, please email Doug directly at douglastaylor1075@icloud.com.



Airport Expansion Meeting

The airport is looking to expand, and the potential additional traffic could affect our neighborhood. The Citizens' Committee on Airport Noise (CCAN) for Palm Beach International Airport (PBI) will hold a public meeting on **Thursday, May 23, 2024 at 6:00 PM** in the Main Conference Room at the Palm Beach County Department of Airports Administration Office (Building 846) at PBI. The purpose of the CCAN is to consider potential noise mitigation methods and suggest programs, concepts and resolution of complaints to the Department of Airports and Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners.

Preservation Foundation of WPB

The Preservation Foundation of WPB efforts are underway. If you are interested in helping start this 501(c)(3), please reach out to Linda Cullen at cullen@digital.net. This is a citizens-led organization to educate, inform, and support preservation efforts for historically designated - or eligible - properties in the City of West Palm Beach. You can follow your fellow citizens posts by following Preservation Foundation of WPB on Facebook, linked below.



Reminder: 2024 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.

How to pay your annaul dues and update your membership info:

Venmo



PayPal



Credit/Debit



NEW/UPDATE
MEMBERSHIP
INFO



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

Be sure to include your address, and what the payment is for in the notes.

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.

Please visit our newly updated website for more information:

<https://www.elcidhistoric.org/join/>