

CAST A LINE

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904-270-2400

City of Neptune Beach

In Memory of James T. (Tim) Rhodes

Sadly, the City of Neptune Beach lost a valuable team member last month. James T. Rhodes, or "Tim" as most of us knew him, passed away unexpectedly at his home in Neptune Beach on Monday, July 26, 2010.

Tim was born in Wilcox, Georgia, but moved to Neptune Beach as a teen. He graduated from Fletcher High School with the class of '67. He came to work for the City of Neptune Beach as a Police Officer in August of 1971. He received several promotions through out his career, even serving as Acting Chief for a short time in 1990. When he retired from the Police Department in December of 1997, he had been a Lieutenant for several years.

Tim was a very active person. Therefore, after a short time of retirement, he realized the easy life was not for him. He applied for a position at the Public Works Department and was hired as an Inventory Clerk in September of 1999. He remained in that position until his death.

Tim was known by many in this community. Not only did he have personal contact with his fellow citizens when he was an Officer, but handled numerous complaints as the Inventory Clerk. If you had a problem with your garbage, you called Tim; if you had a problem with your street sign, you called Tim; even if you had a problem with your driveway cracking because a heavy truck came down your road, you called Tim. He would listen to your story, have someone assist you, or bluntly tell you there was nothing the City could do. That was just Tim honest, loyal, and direct.

We all loved Tim, and not a day will go by we won't miss and think of him and his comical ways. So, until next we meet, so long old buddy. Rest peacefully and sweetly. We'll keep you with us in our hearts always!

WHAT TO DO DURING A HURRICANE WARNING

- **Clear** yards of loose objects, bicycles, lawn furniture, garbage cans, etc.
- **Secure** boats. Remember that most draw/swing bridges will be closed to boat traffic after the evacuation order is issued.
- **Protect** windows, take down awnings, and otherwise secure home.
- **Gather** materials needed to take to a shelter or supplies needed if you stay in your home.
- **Prepare** to evacuate if it should become necessary.
- **Fill cars** with gasoline and check the battery, water, and oil.
- **Check** flashlight and radio batteries. Stay tuned to local radio and television stations for official weather and emergency statements.
- **Obtain** and mark clean containers for storing drinking water.
- **Put** together a survival kit.
- **Refill** prescription drugs or obtain any special medication.
- **Make** arrangements for safety of pets; they are not allowed in public shelters.
- **Organize** the family. It's a good idea to have each family member, especially children, carry a family photograph to help reunite them if they should get separated.

RIGHT OF WAY USE

Individuals interested in using the City right-of-way must have the use approved by the City. If you are unsure of where your property begins and the City's starts, it is important that you contact the City before starting projects that may affect the right-of-way.

A right-of-way permit is required before any work can be done on City easement so that damage does not occur to water, sewer, telephone or cable lines. For more information, call 270-2400 ext. 36.

Mayor Harriet Pruette, Vice-Mayor Fred Lee, Councilor Eric Pardee, Councilor John Weldon, Councilor Kara Tucker

If you would like to voice your concerns to a Council Member, feel free to email them from our webpage at:

WWW.CI.NEPTUNE-BEACH.FL.US

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER!

*Council Workshop Meeting
August 16th, 2010
@ 6:00 pm*

*Council Regular Meeting
September 7th, 2010
@ 6:00 pm*

*Council Workshop Meeting
September 20th, 2010
@ 6:00 pm*

Folks, please lock up!

During warmer months, many people leave their garage doors open, either by mistake or on purpose. Thieves love this, and take this opportunity to wander in and help themselves to tools, lawn equipment, golf clubs, bicycles, or other valuables. Some will even come through an unlocked door right into your home! Thieves also seek out any opportunity to take unlocked bicycles or items from your unlocked vehicles. Therefore, please remember to lock your vehicles and/or residence. Close your garage door when you are not around, make sure your bicycles are locked up. Let's all work to take the opportunity away from the thieves and protect what we have worked so hard for!

**Department of Public Safety
Detective Camille Burban**

Make Every Drop Count!

Water only when your
plants need it –

before 10 am or after 4 pm
any two days a week.

**Even if you have your own
well, this rule still applies!**

Did you know.....

Motorized scooters (gopeds and similar vehicles) fit the definition of a motor vehicle in Chapter 322.01(26), Florida Statutes, which requires a minimum Class "E" driver license to operate any motor vehicle. Chapter 320.08, Florida Statutes, for registering motor vehicles, makes no allowance for a tag to be issued to motorized scooters, such as gopeds, so they cannot be legally operated on public streets or highways.

Also, persons riding mopeds have the same rights and duties as drivers of motor vehicles. Moped riders will receive citations for traffic violations. You must be 16 years of age or older to operate moped on a public road and must hold a Class A, B, C, D, or E license. A LEARNER'S LICENSE IS NOT SUFFICIENT.

Did you also know.....

According to Section 316.211 Equipment for motorcycle and moped riders (and scooter riders too):

A person may not operate a motorcycle unless the person is wearing an eye-protective device over his or her eyes of a type approved by the department.

So make sure when you are out and about on your scooter this summer, that you protect your eyes. After all, it's the law!

COUNCIL REPORT

At the Regular Council Meeting held on July 12th, 2010, the City Council:

Contributed \$1000 to the Beaches Trolley

Approved the elimination of garbage side-yard pick up on a date yet to be determined

At the Council Special Meeting held on July 19th, 2010, the City Council:

Gave approval for the City Manager and Finance Director to secure a loan for sewer improvements, not to exceed 2.4 million.

Tree Trimmings!

At this time of year, people enjoy being outside and working on their lawns. However, along with this pleasure comes the accumulation of yard waste. Lately, area residents have been placing their debris along side the road on top of the green utility boxes, resulting in damage or destruction to the box when the refuse is picked up by the claw truck. We are asking our citizens to take an active role and help to eliminate this problem. **If you have tree trimmings and/or undergrowth, please be sure to place them in the appropriate area and not on top of a utility box.** Don't be responsible for causing the loss of service for both you and your neighbors!