

Palaco Grande Newsletter

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Dates for 2012 Palaco Grande Meetings:

Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2012
Wednesday, Mar. 14, 2012
Wednesday, Sep. 12, 2012
Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2012

HOLIDAY HOME DECORATING WINNERS

Gail & Elmer Tabor, 1919 SE 35th St
Donald Dugas / Laurie Smith, 1915 SE 35th St
Kevin Lewis / Fred Creech, 3335 SE 18th Ave

*****SAVE THE DATE MARCH 24, 2012 4 - 7:00 PM*****

Annual Block Party open to all residents, owners and renters. Meet and greet your Palaco neighbors at this fun gathering where there is free good, music, karaoke and games. Do please bring a dish to share and lawn chairs.

Congratulations! You were indeed the best and brightest. And thanks to all who participated. A 2012 twist -- last year's winners will not be eligible to win in 2012 (two years in a row).

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THANK YOU

To the residents and their family and friends who volunteered with the 12-24-11 luminary display, thank you **very, very much**. It was absolutely beautiful! For 2012, we need a chairman for this project. Please contact Myrna Frantz at 542-2011 to chair this year.

Wednesday, January 11 -- General Meeting

The next Palaco Grande Assn. meeting is Wednesday, 1-11 at the **Cape Coral First United Methodist Church at 4118 Coronado Pkwy, in Room 152 at 7:00 PM**. Park in the rear lot.

Our **guest speaker** is **Nicole Hendra**, Assistant Director for Development of **Habitat For Humanity**.

Bring your concerns, comments and ideas, anything to improve Palaco Grande. Our continuing goals of beautification, safety and information sharing are always in need of your input. We also follow each meeting with a social time. PLEASE JOIN US. We want new people with new

Minutes of the Palaco Grande Association Meeting, November 9, 2011

Shortly after 7:00 PM, President Mike Paugh introduced David Plazas of the 127 year old News-Press newspaper. His title is Community Conversations Editor and is responsible for the Opinion Page. He also chairs the Editorial Board, the Community Endorsements and the Commenting Online sections of the newspaper. To all of our surprise, the percentage of newspapers that have folded in the USA is less than 1/2 of a percent. Newspapers have shrunken but are alive and well. He stated he has four goals. His first is to be a watchdog investigator. His second goal is community leadership. He interviews the local political candidates and endorses them for the News-Press. The elections held just this week resulted in two of the four candidates that the News-Press endorsed voted into office. He never got to his other two goals. The subject of jobs was brought up and everyone was in agreement that the permitting and regulation processes need to be streamlined so not to discourage businesses and residents. The question if there was a local job planning committee was brought up and Mr. Plazas stated that FL has eight Regional Planning Counsels. Our local Counsel includes Lee, Hendry, De Soto, Charlotte and Glades counties. The median income of these combined five counties is 38K. This is low because Zip Code 33916, the Martin Luther King Blvd. area in downtown Fort Myers, is in our region and that Zip Code's average income is 15K. Our area students need to go into the science, technology, engineering and math as businesses are having to hire outside the region for qualified employees. Currently our area consists mostly of small scale businesses. The News-Press is the top manufacturer in Lee Co. He did leave us feeling better when he reported the downtown Fort Myers water basin project is still being studied and should create a more desirable riverfront environment and jobs. And that we were never in a recession, that we're in a transitional period which historically occurs every 100 yrs. or so, much like when the country went from horse and buggy to automobile. We must adapt.

President Paugh then called the general meeting to order. The minutes of the 9-14-11 meeting were read and Lothar Schilf moved to approve the minutes and Wayne Beardsley second the motion. The motion carried. Mike distributed the

Old Business

- Mike had a setback with the changing of the faded sailboat medallion on the lighted entrance sign but it will be done as soon as possible.
- Pete Partilo learned that the City will be paving Palaco Grande this month or next.
- No one present attended the Halloween Hangout for a report.
- The Association is still in need of a Vice President.
- Pete Partilo's contact at the Power Squadron is our new webmaster and doesn't want compensation so the Association presented him with a \$50. gift card to Rumrunner's Restaurant as a thank you.

New Business

- An attorney from the Habitat for Humanity organization is scheduled to speak at the 1-11-12 meeting.
- The 12-24-11 luminary display is on schedule as is the 12-18-11 judging of the home decorating contest.
- 2012 dues are now being accepted. Please use the coupon on the last page of the newsletter.
- The nominations for the 2012 officers were read and approved. They are Mike Paugh, President; Myrna Frantz, Treasurer; Pat Long, Secretary.
- The Spring picnic will probably be in the month of March since Easter is April 8.
- The next meeting is 1-11-12.

Nancy Buffington stated that www.nextdoor.com is a site from which residents of Palaco Grande could benefit. After discussion, it was decided that a link to this site should be placed on our website.

Rosemarie Paugh moved to adjourn and Bruce Maillet second the motion. The